

**Subject:** Re: Professor Wilson update - CoFA, Dell, etc  
**Date:** Wednesday, October 4, 2023 at 10:52:40 AM Pacific Daylight Time  
**From:** Wilson, Byron  
**To:** Ramón H. Rivera-Servera  
**CC:** Tamayo, Jackie  
**Attachments:** image001.png

Hi Ramon,

Thank you again for all of your attention to my questions/concerns up to this point. I spoke with Jackie about following up with you on the outcome of the Opt. III Design MA strategy mtg that occurred in August.

As I recall she said that Kate would follow up with me. I've spoken with Kate about several things since then but it's not clear to me that the outcome of that meeting was shared with me. So, I find myself in a very similar position since June when we last spoke in person.

In general, I am trying to understand how I am expected to inhabit my role in the Opt. III program as pertains to the immediate and future vision of the CoFA/DMS relationship. More specifically, I am seeking clarity around the responsibilities for outcomes that I am expected to achieve as pertains to

my evaluation and expected standard of performance. I have been pursuing this with my chair, but I am not getting answers.

Would it be worthwhile to get another 15 minutes with you? If that's not your preference, I'm very much open to your suggestion or advisement on the matter.

Sincerely,  
Byron

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**From:** Wilson, Byron <byron.wilson@austin.utexas.edu>  
**Sent:** Saturday, August 5, 2023 2:48 PM  
**To:** Ramón H. Rivera-Servera <ramon.riveraservera@austin.utexas.edu>  
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Hi Ramon,

I shared a version of what was submitted to you with Tamie and Kate months ago (April 6). I used the document I shared with them to build what I have recently submitted to you.

There have only been a few updates, but the information is different by no more than ~10-15%.

Sincerely,  
Byron

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Thank you for sharing this, Byron. This will become useful to our meeting on Thursday this coming week. I am assuming you have shared this with Kate and Tammie as well. Is that correct? Just want to make sure we have it on account when we discuss the Option 3 program and the MOU with Dell Med.

Best,  
Ramón

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**From:** "Wilson, Byron" <byron.wilson@austin.utexas.edu>  
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**To:** "Ramón H. Rivera-Servera" <ramon.riveraservera@austin.utexas.edu>

**Subject:** Professor Wilson update - CoFA, Dell, etc

Hello Dean Rivera-Serva,

First, thank you for finding time to sit with me earlier in the summer. It was very settling to converse with you, and I deeply appreciate your advisement. I have incorporated your insight into practice.

As promised from that meeting-I have attached an inventory of activities that I've executed/executing with regard to the MOU between CoFA and Dell. My approach to that has been layered and includes some nuance. So, I welcome the opportunity (in a forum of your choosing) to discuss details that may not be obvious in this current submission.

For the sake of context, I would like to relay to you that when the MOU was initially signed in late August of 2022, it was then delivered to me with the directive to execute. Since then, I have received very little to no collaboration or guidance in executing the MOU from within my departmental ranks. Consequently, this submission represents my individual contributions on behalf of the College of Fine Arts.

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Separately, I'd like to include the full scope of my activities since my appointment. In addition to the attached inventory. I have:

- taught 3 courses in Graduate Design within the Option III MA in Design program
- dedicated all of my research funding and efforts to the establishment of an interdisciplinary research group between myself and colleagues at Tufts University and Yale University with plans to publish and produce a scholarly event in the spring
- co-authoring a paper with professors at UNC-Chapel Hill for the Howard Journal of Communication for publication this fall
- drafting 2 NEH grant submissions for funding to author a book on the inclusion of technology as a binder between the domains of Design and Care delivery as practical and humanistic enactments.

My activities are numerous and diverse. But my passion resides in all that I share. My offering is for full disclosure and to request any added insight you might be willing to share that can guide my prioritization of efforts. I would like to align with your vision for CoFA and I generally could use any wisdom you have to offer.

Thank you for your consideration. Please, feel free to reach out to me if anything is confusing or amiss.

Sincerely,

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**To:** Wilson, Byron

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We're over the moon about this week's picks. They're all a little "out there," and