

MA in Design for Health Investigation

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Dear Kate, Tamie, and Byron (ccd Doreen and Tim),

I have concern for the state of the MA in Design for Health, especially the state of your expected collaborations with each other in leading this program into academic and financial viability. I too have concerns for the health of our relationship to DellMed relationship and our industry partnerships in this field. I am charging Doreen Lorenzo as assistant dean for the School of Design and Creative Technologies with conducting an investigation into the state of the program's operations, leadership, and partnerships. I expect that each of you will participate in at least a one-on-one interview with Doreen and that you will provide any materials that she request as part of this process.

This Option 3 program is a high stakes project for the College and I want to ensure that we address any of the issues that are keeping you from running this project with the level of transparency and collaboration that would make it viable. The concerns expressed by partners, students, and each of you at various times this year prompt me to move swiftly into this assessment.

I expect full cooperation and will plan to gather the entire team once the investigation has concluded and the report has been submitted to my office so that we may strategize a healthy past forward. I thank you in advance for your assistance in making this process advance in a timely fashion.

My very best,

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