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MEMORANDUM

TO: Dr. Cathy H. Wu
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FROM: Dr. Robin W. Morgan, Dean
College of Agriculture and Natural Resources

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Robin W. Morgan".

RE: **Master's program in Bioinformatics and Computational Biology**

The College of Agriculture and Natural Resources is pleased to support the Master's program in Bioinformatics and Computational Biology. You and your colleagues have assembled an impressive program application, and we enthusiastically endorse it.

The College of Agriculture and Natural Resources has invested in bioinformatics to the best of our ability over the past several years, and we are now excited to see this effort escalate. Our faculty who serve on the Bioinformatics Steering Committee and Graduate Committee will be encouraged to participate fully in these efforts, and we will earnestly make our courses that are core or elective courses in the curriculum available to as many students as possible.

This is a great opportunity for the University of Delaware, we look forward to the collaboration this new program offers in the life sciences, and we applaud the standard it sets for similar efforts in other disciplines.