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Denise,

Given that the current School of Chemistry and Biochemistry has an interim director on a 10.5 month appointment, and

Given that there is no additional FTE available to support an increase the administration to 11 months as required by schools with directors, and

Given that the memo from the provost to the college deans defines the difference between a school and a department based upon size and complexity (Chemistry and Biochemistry would be a Tier II) and the length of the appointment of the unit leader (10.5 for Chemistry and Biochemistry),

The School of Chemistry and Biochemistry voted in favor of becoming the Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry with a chair (also dictated by the Provost's memo), retaining a 10.5 month appointment.

This is done with the understanding that item 11 in the provost's memo, indicating no hierarchy between classifications, will be strictly adhered to and the new Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry and its chair will retain the same standing enjoyed by the current school designation and its director.

Assuming that you and the Restructuring Committee find this proposal acceptable and since the change is in name only (no additional administrative cost and the current interim director already has faculty status), it is hoped that this letter can also serve as a formal proposal.

Yours truly,

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