To: Richard R. Freeman, Dean, College of Mathematical and Physical Sciences

From: W. Michael Sherman, Vice Provost for Academic Administration

Date: January 25, 2007

Re: REVISED - Cosmology and Astroparticle Physics

Thank you for the submission of the implementation plan for this Targeted Investment in Excellence plan. This project to stimulate the collaboration of cosmology and physics should uniquely position Ohio State in this important area of discovery.

The first-year allocation of central funds for this plan is in the amount of $282,000 and $956,000 in continuing funds and cash, respectively. From the implementation plan, it appears that the College of Mathematical and Physical Sciences’ contribution to the first year of the plan is about $15,000 and $0 in continuing funds and cash, respectively. This apparent discrepancy between the central cash commitments and the College’s cash commitments will need to be reconciled in the annual report submittal in May 2007.

Kevin King will work with your fiscal officer to release the first year’s central funds in the amounts as indicated above. Attached is a Frequently Asked Questions sheet related to the Targeted Investment in Excellence Plan and the Board of Regents Innovation and Incentive Initiative to support high-quality doctoral programs.

It was requested in the letter announcing the central investments in the Targeted Investment in Excellence Initiative that the implementation plan should include the names of the primary faculty investigators for the initiative. Please forward that list at your earliest convenience.

Attachments

C: Kevin King, Assistant Vice President for Fiscal and Human Resources
   Barbara R. Snyder, Executive Vice President and Provost