March 17, 2008

TO: Matthew S. Platz, Dean, College of Mathematical and Physical Sciences

FROM: Joseph A. Alutto, Executive Vice President and Provost
Robert T. McGrath, Senior Vice President for Research

SUBJECT: Second Year Report
The Center for Cosmology and Astro-Particle Physics
Targeted Investment in Excellence Program

The deadline is approaching for submission of the second year report on your Targeted Investment in Excellence initiative, the Center for Cosmology and Astro-Particle Physics. We are writing to keep you aware of that deadline and to pass along a number of related reminders.

- Your second-year TIE reports should be submitted to Vice Provost Mike Sherman at sherman.4@osu.edu no later than April 18, 2008.
- The report should be compiled according to the accompanying outline.
  - Please note that the outline has been expanded to include a table to illustrate TIE investments across time, including faculty hiring, equipment purchases, and student and administrative support.
- The President’s and Provost’s Advisory Committee (PPAC) will evaluate the reports. You may schedule a meeting with PPAC to discuss your second annual report. To do so, please contact Mike Sherman at sherman.4@osu.edu after May 10, 2008.
- The PPAC review will focus especially on the perspectives bulleted at the bottom of the second-year report outline. PPAC will submit its evaluations by May 30, 2008.
- Vice President McGrath and I will consider the reports, assessments by PPAC, and our own analyses, including an examination of the commitments made by the colleges through the general ledger fiscal tracking mechanism. We will make funding decisions for FY09 by the end of July 2008.

Starting this year, TIE progress will be reflected in the OSUpro system. Reporting the TIE information in this searchable Web repository will permit the ready sharing of information about these initiatives, thus bringing broader awareness to these programs. We will ensure that this baseline information is appropriately entered into the OSUpro system but may follow up with you to secure additional information regarding TIE-related activities.

All information about the Targeted Investment in Excellence initiatives is located at http://oaa.osu.edu/TIE2.php.

If you have questions about your second-year report, please contact Mike Sherman at sherman.4@osu.edu.

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Targeted Investment in Excellence
Second Annual Report Outline

Due April 18, 2008

Please assure that your dean colleagues (if a multi-college TIE) and faculty leaders are significantly involved in or have had the opportunity to contribute to this report.

Provide the following information to Vice Provost Mike Sherman at sherman.4@osu.edu by Friday, April 18, 2008:

- Executive Summary narrative
- Accomplishments to date narrative
- Efforts to address concerns, if any, as detailed in the PPAC and OAA/OR assessment of the first annual report
- A table illustrating the current status of your TIE investments, including faculty hiring, equipment purchases, and student and organizational support. Use the attached Excel spreadsheet to complete your table.
- For cross-disciplinary and trans-institutional TIEs, a report on the progress of integrating efforts, both scholarly and administratively, across traditional boundaries.
- Supporting evidence that the goals and objectives of the TIE are being achieved. The items should be the listed in two sections. One section should be activities that are a direct result of the TIE, and the other section should be other accomplishments related to the TIE.
  - peer-reviewed publications,
  - professional presentations,
  - honors and awards,
  - graduate student and undergraduate student notable accomplishments including grant funding, publications and presentations,
  - additional funding via the OSURF or via contracts and grants, and outreach and engagement.
- A description of (1) the TIE’s governance and oversight structure, (2) the characteristics and success of this approach, and (3) any adjustments made or to be made to improve the success of the TIE.
- Identify any implementation issues that have emerged and indicate the steps that have been taken to accommodate or remediate those issues.
- Indicate how implementation of the plan has supported the goals of the TIE, and provide data for the adopted metrics to gauge the success of the TIE.
Please consider that the President’s and Provost’s Advisory Committee will be reviewing Targeted Investment in Excellence initiatives from the following perspectives:

- Are the accomplishments as expected, and is there an appropriate trajectory for success, especially in the area of faculty hiring?
- Are there significant threats to success? If so, what might those be?
- Are there opportunities to enhance success? If so, what might those be?
- Are there concerns regarding the projected allocation of funds for the next academic year?
- Has the anticipated impact and influence of the TIE been achieved?
- Is release of the next fiscal year’s central funds recommended? If yes, why and whether there are conditions associated with the release of those funds. If not, why not and whether remediation is possible.