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Re: TIE in Translational Plant Sciences

Dear Joan, Bobby, and Steve:

As you know, the Plant Molecular Biology/Biotechnology (PMBB) interdisciplinary program TIE Implementation Plan is currently in place. However, our TIE in Translational Plant Sciences, a joint effort by the Colleges of Biological Sciences and Food, Agricultural, and Environmental Sciences, did not receive funding for fiscal year 07. Thus, we have not expended any funds at this time. We also received funds from the Board of Regents to support graduate education pertinent to the TIE. A report to the Board of Regents relative to our activities was recently submitted. I can now further report that we have successfully recruited at least one, and perhaps two, exceptional graduate students to the PMBB program for next year using the BOR funds. With BOR funds, we've also initiated a Summer Undergraduate Research Experience (SURE) program to bring high quality undergraduates to OSU, and these students will intern in various laboratories in Columbus and Wooster this summer.

Best wishes,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "F. R. Tabita".

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