February 21, 2019

To: OSU Council on Academic Affairs
Randy Smith, PhD – Vice Provost for Academic Programs

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Sincerely,

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Director, Academic Affairs
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Health Sciences

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