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Dear University Colleagues:

Thank you for agreeing to serve on the UMass Life Sciences Task Force. In advance of Friday's inaugural meeting of this most timely task force, I am forwarding to you the presentations that occurred on each campus during the life sciences meetings, which took place these last few months. By reviewing these presentations, you will have a better, more complete sense of the exciting research activities undertaken throughout the University system. Further, you will have the opportunity to see how each campus is approaching the opportunity to pursue collaborative efforts in the life sciences.

Also for your review, I am including what has become known as the "pillars visual," which attempts to synthesize all of the University's life sciences-related research activities into six thematic areas. It is my hope that the "pillars visual" can serve as a catalyst for a substantive discussion during the task force's first meeting.

UMass Life Sciences Task Force Meeting

Date: Friday, November 16, 2007
Time: 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
Location: University of Massachusetts South Street Building
333 South Street
Shrewsbury, MA 01545
Essex Room (4th Floor)

Purpose: To develop a university-wide aspirant plan in the life sciences

Agenda:

11:00 a.m. – 11:20 a.m.	Introductions
11:20 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.	Charge of the UMass Life Sciences Task Force <i>President Wilson</i>
11:30 a.m. – 11:40 a.m.	Origins of the UMass Life Sciences Task Force <i>Senior Vice President Collins</i>
11:40 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.	Discussion of the "pillars visual"

12:30 p.m. – 12:50 p.m. Discussion of the work plan

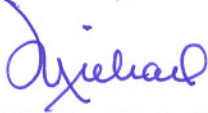
12:50 p.m. – 1:00 p.m. Next Steps

Please note:

- Boxed lunches will be available during the meeting
- There is no fee to park at South Street
- You will be required to check in at the front desk

I appreciate your willingness to join with your colleagues to work on this important task force at this “life sciences moment.” I look forward to seeing you on Friday.

Sincerely,



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