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Dear Dean Cauce:

I received the Individual PhD Review Committee Report May 21st, 2010 and had an opportunity to review the Committee's findings. As requested by David Canfield-Budde, I forwarded the report to our faculty, students and staff and requested that they send me any comments prior to my sending you this written response to the Review Committee Report. In my note to the IPhD community, I indicated that it would be nice to meet and discuss the report; however trying to convene a meeting before summer would be unlikely. Therefore it is my intention to meet with the IPhD faculty, students and staff early in fall quarter for the explicit purpose of collectively working toward strategies to strengthen the program consistent with the recommendations of the Review Committee.

With regard to the Review Committee's Report, we were very pleased with the positive and constructive comments and the recommendation to continue the program. The issues and concerns raised in the Review Committee's Report will be the focus of our IPhD community meeting. The issues and concerns will be explicitly addressed in the development of a 5-year vision plan for the program. In addition to a vision statement, the plan will address the following elements.

- Program Enrollment
- Program Visibility
- Program community building
- Affiliation with other UW interdisciplinary programs
- IPhD review committee membership
- Funding opportunities for IPhD students

I believe the level of interest by the students, faculty and staff affiliated with the IPhD Program will result in the generation of a solid 5-year plan for the program. This plan should serve the program well until the next Graduate School review in 2016.

Again, we appreciate the comprehensive review of the IPhD program and feel that the recommendations will serve to strengthen an already solid interdisciplinary graduate program. If you have questions about our approach to responding to the IPhD Review Committee Report, please contact me. I would be happy to discuss any issues with you.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Gordon Bradley". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Gordon Bradley, Director
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