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Dear Melissa,

I am writing to formally respond to the IDCP Review Committee report, dated 5 April 2007.

The Committee report offered many detailed, thoughtful recommendations for the future of the program. The Review committee also strongly endorsed the program's continued growth and development. In terms of next steps, we plan to discuss the report in our strategic planning process. Indeed, the Evans School is in the midst of a strategic planning process with two scheduled meetings in June. We would then plan to discuss the report and its recommendations in our fall faculty retreat in September 2007 which will continue to the strategic planning discussion begun in June. Further, we plan to discuss the more specific recommendation pertaining to the IDCP curriculum within our Faculty Council and Curriculum Committee in the remaining time in the spring quarter and immediately upon the beginning of the fall quarter. Our goal is to reach agreement on the curriculum changes as soon as possible in the fall quarter. These changes would then be implemented for the IDCP class that entered in fall 2008.

Steve Smith and I would be happy to discuss the report with you further and our detailed plan for addressing the report recommendations.

Sincerely,

Sandra O. Archibald
Dean and Professor