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Dear David:

It is my pleasure to accept the offer to serve as chair of the Quality Enhancement Plan Council for 2007. As you may know, from my involvement with the Task Force on Enhancing the Undergraduate Experience, I have had a strong interest in using research and inquiry as a way of enhancing the education we offer our undergraduates. When the QEP plan previously underway was refocused to aim squarely at using inquiry/research-based education to improve student learning outcomes, I saw an opportunity to use QEP as a way of beginning the implementation some of the recommendations coming from the Task Force and became involved in their activities. Now that Martyn has moved on to become Dean of Undergraduate Programs and the Associate Provost for Academic Programs, it is clear that this effort needs to maintain its forward motion, and I would be happy to step in and help keep this important process "on track".

The revised focus of the current QEP is still quite ambitious, but when we are successful in its implementation, I see it having a transformational impact on our students as well as our programs. I am excited about the opportunity to help lead this effort and I look forward to working with Paul Meyer, Loraine Phillips, QEP Council members, Deans, Department Heads and faculty in carrying out this plan.

Sincerely,

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