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Dear Dr. Marble,

Congratulations! After careful consideration of general education programs at many schools, we have decided to include the core curriculum at the University of Science and Arts of Oklahoma (USAO) in our publication with Routledge on exemplary core programs.

Thank you for the extensive materials that you have already provided in response to ACTA's earlier request. I'm writing today to ask for additional information in order to provide a full and accurate account of the Interdisciplinary General Education Sequence (IDS). We want to give a thorough presentation that covers your program's mission, curricular content, and outcomes, so that other schools can use the program as a model for their own general-education efforts. Naturally, the more information we can provide about your program, the more useful the chapter will be to administrators and faculty.

I would like to ask for a few more pieces of information that will allow us to complete the section of the book dedicated to the IDS program. First, please send us syllabi from several sections of each relevant course and reading lists wherever they would supplement syllabi. Second, please include any materials that you feel are important for describing the content of the courses, such as instructors' descriptions of their teaching philosophies or descriptions of the experiments conducted in science classes. Third, please include any information you have on the program's outcomes. This can come in the form of instructor and student testimonies, comparisons with peer institutions, results from standardized exams like the CLA or CAAP, or any other material that demonstrates the impact of your program. Finally, please feel free to send us any other information that provides a fuller picture of the IDS program.

I would like to add that I admire USAO's IDS program very much, and I look forward to reading the rest of your materials and to drafting the section on your program.

I am happy to answer any questions you have about the project—please do not hesitate to be in touch.

Warm best wishes,

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