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**Subject:** Re: External Review Team Report for Plant Biology

Dear Beth,

I write to respond to the External Review Team report for the Plant Biology Undergraduate Program review. We thank the review team for their thoughtful assessment.

We note only two minor misconceptions:

On Pg 2, the report states "*The successful Dynamic Genome course initiated and taught by Sue Wessler is a major early gateway for research engagement.*" It is true that Dr. Wessler developed this course and teaches it, but we note that a number of other faculty, many in BPSC, also teach this course, as it has 8 offerings per quarter.

Pg 5: "*In discussions with the Department, it was noted that they could relatively easily make this experience available to two to three times the number of current students and thus increase the size of the major.*" I note that while we believe this to be the case, we have not yet attempted to do a thorough analysis of our capacity,

Thanks for shepherding the review process.

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