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Dear Deans Lockwood and Bishop,

Following careful and systematic review of the proposal to establish a Department of Medical Engineering at the University of South Florida, and upon receipt of recommendations from the USF Tampa Faculty Senate and the USF System Faculty Council, I am pleased to approve establishing the Department, effectively immediately.

In particular, I want to thank you both for your leadership in guiding colleagues, in the Morsani College of Medicine and the College of Engineering, to adhere to USF System Policy 10-055 "Policy and procedures for proposed changes in academic units of the University of South Florida System". I also appreciate the leadership of Drs. Teng and Garey in assuring thoughtful and constructive reviews by the appropriate faculty governance bodies.

The establishment of USF's Department of Medical Engineering is both exciting and timely. It promises to position USF to compete successfully for new sources of research funding from both federal agencies and industry, to prepare highly skilled graduates to meet the needs of a growing workforce sector, and will expand essential cross-disciplinary partnerships across USF and with the broader community. In so doing, faculty and students will contribute significantly toward USF's Path to Preeminence.

Yet now the hard work begins. The appointment of an Interim Chair will be an important early step. Moreover, I ask that you please work with the following colleagues as you begin to build the department's identity and foundation:

Departmental governance and CBA matters (Dwayne Smith and Kofi Glover),

Faculty appointment, assignment and new hiring (Dwayne Smith),

Curriculum development and SACS/ABET accreditation (Terry Chisolm),

Budget and financial matters (Nick Setteducato), and

Student records (Paul Dosal).

Of course, I stand ready to continue to support the department's growth and development in the furtherance of USF's research, student success, and partnership goals. Meanwhile, please extend my deepest appreciation to those who have dedicated their time and "rolled up their sleeves" in developing and advancing this very important initiative.

Best regards,

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