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Wendy M. Purcell, PhD, FRSA
Rutgers University Senate
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Dear Dr. Purcell & Senators:

Thank you and the Senate Executive Committee for your response to my letter outlining various reporting line changes for three center and institute directors at Rutgers Health, the Brain Health Institute (BHI), Center for Advanced Biotechnology and Medicine (CABM), the Institute for Nicotine and Tobacco Studies (INTS), and Environmental and Occupational Health Sciences Institute (EOHSI).

First, I would welcome any feedback from the faculty members of BHI, CABM, INTS, and EOHSI with any concerns about this reporting structure. I fully support the ability of our faculty to conduct their research and scholarly activities effectively and efficiently in a positive and supportive academic environment. To date, I have not been informed of any significant disruptions to research productivity based on these reporting line changes but am open to hearing any and all concerns from faculty.

I understand the important advisory function provided by the Senate concerning the formal relationships among academic units; however, in my view these are personnel decisions, also supported by University policy. These modifications have facilitated my functioning to the best of my ability, overseeing an academic unit as Dean and a Chancellor Unit in my current interim capacity. As such, these reporting relationships may be further revised or reversed by the incoming chancellor to best reflect their management priorities and prerogatives.

Thanks to your efforts and to those of your colleagues on the search committee, we are nearing the final stages of the search process. I am happy to provide the Senate's input on these reporting line changes to the incoming Chancellor during the transition process.

I look forward to meeting with you and the full Senate later this year to provide my inaugural and likely final report as Chancellor of RBHS.

Sincerely,

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