Dear Marcia,

I would like to express my support for the AGEP-North Carolina Alliance, An Institutional Transformation Model to Increase Minority STEM Doctoral Student and Faculty Success project. My department would be interested in participating in this project. If we have the opportunity to participate, We agree to support the project in the following ways.

1. Promote the goals of increasing diversity in the graduate program and developing and implementing a diversity plan, and promote the efforts of the AGEP-NC Fellows to facilitate departmental activities to develop and implement this plan.
2. Promote and help coordinate the AGEP-NC project in the department. This includes scheduling some time during faculty meetings or retreats for developing the departmental diversity plan, encouraging faculty and graduate student participation in surveys about mentoring practices and department climate and providing baseline data about graduate student demographics and completion rates.
3. Department head and director of graduate programs each attend one Alliance-wide workshop per year to share information about effective strategies with other participating departments at the three institutions in the alliance. Department head and director of graduate programs meet with AGEP-NC leadership approximately one to two times per year for updates and progress reports, and once per year with NSF program officer for annual site visits.
4. Provide faculty who serve as AGEP-NC Fellows with relief from other committee and service obligations during their two-year terms as Fellows.

Sincerely

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Department Head Director of Graduate Programs