

MST Students, Faculty, Alumni and Friends:

Since my last message to you there has been some clarification in the future of the MST Department. On February 19, 2008, I made a presentation to the OHSU Project Definition Team consisting of the Dean of the OHSU School of Medicine, OHSU Provost, Dean of OHSU's OGI School of Science & Engineering, OHSU Vice President for Research, Vice Provost for Finance, Associate Dean for Finance and Administration in the School of Medicine, Associate Dean of the School of Science & Engineering and OHSU's Assistant Comptroller.

As you know, OHSU had previously announced that the OGI School of Science & Engineering would be downsized and incorporated into the School of Medicine. The purpose of our February 19 presentation was to propose a viable way in which the Management in Science & Technology Department could become an integral part of the School of Medicine. To do this, we had to demonstrate both mission alignment and financial self-support.

Mission alignment requires us to shift our programmatic focus from the high technology industry to the healthcare and bioscience industries, and this is what we proposed. However, we also affirmed that we would teach out the high technology track in MST through the 2008-2009 academic year, thereby allowing current matriculated students from the high technology sector to finish their degrees. Regarding the financial self-support criterion, we presented a financial model based primarily on tuition revenue that would accomplish self-support.

This proposal was accepted, but we are still working out the details. It is important to note that the basic course structure of the MST curriculum will remain. However, over the next 5 or 6 quarters the focus will shift to healthcare and bioscience. This should allow enough time for current students from the high technology industry to complete their programs with courses that have a principal focus on the high tech industry.

We will remain in communication with all of you as further details emerge in the coming days and weeks. You are welcome to contact me or our faculty and staff at:

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We look forward to seeing you again in the Spring term and welcome your questions and input.

Thank you,

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