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Dear Nursing Faculty,

It is a pleasure to announce that Susie and I have completed the analysis of options for a BSN program on the Mt. SAC campus. While the "University Center" is a wonderful option for students, I want to assure you that we will continue to provide them with information about all of the colleges they may apply to for BSN programs in our region.

The impetus for this project was a combination of the IOM *Future of Nursing* recommendation and recent student survey results, indicating more than 75% of Mt. SAC Nursing students want to pursue a BSN upon graduation from Mt. SAC- as long as financial aid is available. I know that Susie has been updating you as we have progressed, and I would now like to give you the complete picture.

Attached you will find the grid we used to conduct our analysis. Aside from **tuition cost**, the criteria that we looked at the most carefully were both the **units each university would accept from Mt. SAC** and the **units each would require our students to take to achieve the BSN**.

While being a top 100 Nursing school in the nation was one of the criteria, more important to us was **each university's willingness to have our faculty members teach in the program** and serve as **a University Center on the Mt. SAC campus**. We believe that a close affiliation of this kind will convey honor upon both programs.

Please note that the peach shading in the cells on the grid indicates areas of concern. Having spent many hours checking and double-checking our facts, we are confident that we have the complete picture.

It is with pleasure that we recommend Mount St Mary's University as the best option for a University Center on Mt. SAC's campus. It is a particular honor that ours is the only ADN/BSN program partnership the Mount has in place. Having considered our grid and the resulting recommendation, we hope you will agree that this is indeed a wonderful option for both our students and our faculty members, who will be able to **teach in the MSMU BSN program with no impact on their Mt. SAC teaching load**. It is also worth noting that Money magazine ranked Mount St Mary's University as its *Number One Value-Added College*. <http://www.msmu.edu/resources-culture/news-information/spotlight-archive.aspx?ContentId=17281>

I look forward to answering any questions you may have and to reaching consensus on this exciting proposal at your April department meeting. If we reach consensus, I will carry our recommendation forward to Dr. Scroggins and Dr. Malmgren.

Sincerely,

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