TO: Sang-Hee Lee, Chair
   Riverside Division

FR: Richard M. Carpiano, Chair
   Executive Committee, School of Public Policy

RE: [Campus Review] Proposal: Bachelor of Science Degree Program in Genetics and
    Biotechnology (B.S. in Genetics and Biotechnology [GNBT])

Date: April 22, 2024

The Faculty Executive Committee of the School of Public Policy reviewed the document
“[Campus Review] Proposal: Bachelor of Science Degree Program in Genetics and
Biotechnology (B.S. in Genetics and Biotechnology [GNBT]).”

Our Committee had the following comments to report:
   • In the “Genetics in Healthcare Track” section b, it is unclear:
      a. why there is only one class to select (PSYC 178 “Health Psychology”), unlike the
         other components that offer students a choice in which courses to select to fulfill the
         area
      b. what the goal of this lone course is with respect to the track’s curriculum. It appears
         haphazardly placed.
      c. why only this course fulfills that requirement and not also other relevant social and
         behavioral science courses in CHASS, SPP, or elsewhere that focus on social, cultural,
         and even political dimensions of health, disease, health care, science, and medicine
         and thus complement the track’s genetic focus as part of the range of contributors to
         health and disease.

Sincerely,

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