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Dear Dr. Sharma:

On behalf of the General Education Assessment Task Force, it is with great pride that I submit the UPRM General Education Assessment Plan for your consideration and the consideration of other pertinent constituencies, especially our Chancellor and the Dean of Academic Affairs who wisely took the initiative in fulfilling this important need for our institution.

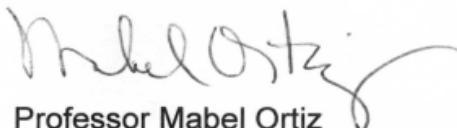
The UPRM General Education Assessment plan is the result of five months (September 2006 through January 2007) of research, reflection, analysis, discussions, and meetings. The version that we are presenting is the fourth and final version of the plan as approved by this task force on January 26, 2007.

This task force consisted of nine members representing all four colleges. The group met formally on eight occasions to consider possible drafts and responses to distinct versions of the plan. There were numerous opportunities for feedback and discussion.

I believe that the UPRM General Education Assessment Plan meets the institutional assessment requirements specific to MSCHE and makes numerous recommendations for their enactment. It includes elements such as: a model structure to implement the plan, alternatives for direct and indirect measures of assessment, an assessment cycle to guarantee continuity in the process, and alternatives for utilizing assessment results. After researching multiple views on general education philosophy and studying general education models from other universities, the plan was outlined and developed so that it would fit our institutional identity and make evident the role that UPRM plays in imparting general education to our students.

I am grateful for your presence, support, and wise guidance in this effort as ex-officio member of this committee and for facilitating our meeting schedule and clerical support through OMCA.

Respectfully submitted,



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