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Dr. W. Andrew Mccollough
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Dear Dr. McCollough:

This letter serves to request the official closure of the Department of Dental Biomaterials in the University of Florida College of Dentistry. Historically, this has been a very small department with three faculty members. During the budget process this year, transfer of these faculty and departmental staff into other departments was done to achieve budget savings. After following the appropriate protocol, two of the faculty members have now been transferred to the Department of Operative Dentistry and one to the Department of Prosthodontics. All staff members from Dental Biomaterials have also been transferred to other departments.

With the absence of any remaining human or financial resources in the Department of Dental Biomaterials and with the support of the Dr. David Guzick, Senior Vice President for Health Affairs, I respectfully request that the University officially close this department. It is my understanding that as Interim Chair of the University Curriculum Committee you will take this before that committee. Following their approval, the request will be forwarded to the Faculty Senate for final approval. Thank you for your consideration. Please contact me if you have questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

Teresa A. Dolan, DDS, MPH
Professor and Dean

Approval:

David S. Guzick, MD, PhD, Senior Vice President,
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