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Dear Chancellor Goldstein and Chair Schmidt:

We appreciated receiving Chancellor Goldstein's letter of January 23, responding to mine of January 12, setting forth our Association's concerns about the Pathways initiative, with regard both to the process that seems to have been followed in its development and adoption and to its results. We had noted that the information on which our letter was based had come to us from both administration and faculty sources, but we indicated that we would welcome additional information from you that would contribute to our understanding of the issues we had addressed. We therefore concluded our letter by inviting your comments on those issues.

Dr. Goldstein's letter, after addressing a number of aspects of the Pathways process, concluded by stating that you would be providing us with a full response to our concerns. We have yet to receive the detailed response to those concerns that you said would be sent. In the meantime, we continue to hear from faculty sources at CUNY—in the community colleges and the senior colleges alike and in the sciences as well as in the social sciences and the humanities—who have raised further objections to the curricular changes that have been mandated under the Pathways initiative.

We look forward to hearing again from you soon.

Sincerely,

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