Dr. Jennifer Musa, Professor Department of Biology SUNY Broome <u>musajm@sunybroome.edu</u>

Dear Dr. Musa,

The Undergraduate Committee of the Department of Biological Sciences at Binghamton University has evaluated your SUNY Broome Lab course BIO 104 – Health for Haiti to assess transfer credit equivalencies for Binghamton University. It is the decision of our Undergraduate Committee that BIO 104, Health for Haiti should readily transfer to Binghamton University as a BIOL 100 level 4 credit course and satisfy Gen Ed Lab credit.

For this transfer equivalency to proceed forward, it is important that your BIO 104 Health for Haiti course be designated as natural science GenEd, and we feel it certainly meets that criteria. The decision made by our Undergraduate Committee carefully evaluated SUNY Broome's Bulletin description for BIO 104, as well as the significance of a 10 day field immersion experience. Your Health for Haiti course addresses and studies issues of water filtration and purification assessments, sustainable agricultural practices, anatomical, physiological and microscopy instruction to school children, and engages in community health aid and assistance projects. We believe this course fully meets the criteria for SUNY Natural Science designation. Note that our Undergraduate Committee is made up of 9 Biology faculty members, 3 of whom are directly involved with spearheading our introductory biology lecture and laboratory sequences. All members support this designation.

Thus, BIO 104 will be allowed to transfer to Binghamton University as a BIOL 100 level 4 credit course satisfying GenEd Lab credit upon receiving natural science designation from SUNY Broome. This letter is in support of that designation and encourages your efforts to promote this designation.

Sincerely,

Dr. Julian Shepherd, Associate Professor Co-Director Undergraduate Studies Department of Biological Sciences Binghamton University