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RE: Formal Closure of the Institute for Enzyme Research

This memo serves as the official notice of closure of the College of Agricultural and Life Sciences Institute for Enzyme Research. The Institute no longer functions as a stand-alone intellectual, academic, or research unit. The activities, faculty, staff and budget lines for the Institute were absorbed into the department of Biochemistry. The department chair and faculty of Biochemistry support this closure.

The Institute’s mission was to conduct fundamental investigations regarding the ultimate nature of life processes. The institute also provided training for research workers at the postdoctoral level. The institute was not a degree-granting department and offered no courses. Each research section chairperson held a joint appointment in at least one other University department (e.g., Biochemistry), and supervised Ph.D. degree students conducting research at the institute.

There remains a campus building named the Enzyme Institute at 1710 University Ave that currently houses research labs, however the building is not related to the Institute for Enzyme Research.

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