

Dear Susan,

I would like to thank you for giving me the opportunity to actively interact with CIVET in the context of BME Senior Design. As you know, for the last couple of years I have been trying to integrate innovation and design as part of the year long experience on our undergraduates. We are therefore, through the lectures I offer in the course, attempting to define the basic ideas driving innovation in the health industry. However, my lectures would seem out of context unless I had the opportunity to interact, through you, with CIVET and give the students the opportunity to see how the process materializes through CIVET sponsored activities and projects.

I surely hope that our grant application to NIH will materialize which would give us the opportunity to actively integrate the education component of CIVET with BME Senior Design. I truly believe that this would tremendously empower our students by giving them opportunity to be actively engaged with the process of innovation. I strongly believe that this would only strengthen CIVET but, and maybe more importantly, will really provide a competitive advantage to the BME program. As far I know, we are among the (very) few BME programs where innovation is becoming part of the basic undergraduate curriculum. CIVET has provided us a unique infrastructure for expanding significantly our education horizons.

I look forward to more interactions in the near future.

Sincerely,



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