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Dear Drs. Hofmann and Bhattacharya:

I write to bring your attention to a matter regarding use of the information gathered from Academic Analytics. Any information made available through the Academic Analytics portal belongs to Academic Analytics and not the University of Nebraska. Under the University's license agreement with Academic Analytics, University personnel must have prior approval before publishing (making public) content obtained from the Academic Analytics portal. Under no circumstances does Academic Analytics allow public dissemination of ranks and data of third-party institutions. Nor does it allow comparisons within conferences (such as "8th in the Big Ten, Big 12, etc.") or geographic areas (such as "best program in New York").

The University has learned that data and rankings for certain third-party institutions are currently available at [The Bugeater - A Publication of the UNL Chapter of AAUP](https://thebugeater.org/) and at <https://srvanderplas.github.io/2025-stat-apc-report/>. While you are entitled to present arguments in response to the proposed program eliminations, we ask that you do so in a manner compliant with the University's obligations to Academic Analytics. Accordingly, the University respectfully requests that you immediately remove names and identifiers of third-party institutions in the reports you have published on the above referenced websites unless or until you can demonstrate you have the express approval of Academic Analytics to publish its data. You are free to identify the University of Nebraska in such documents, and it is our interpretation that you are also entitled to use extremely generic/unidentifiable references to other institutions.

Should you have any questions, please reach out to me directly at djackson@nebraska.edu.

Sincerely,

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Interim Executive Vice President and Provost

cc: Bren Chambers, Vice President and General Counsel