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MEMORANDUM

TO: MSU Board of Trustees
FROM: Kim A. Wilcox, Provost *KAW*
SUBJECT: New Departments within the College of Human Medicine

RECOMMENDATION

BE IT RESOLVED that the Trustee Policy Committee recommends to the Board of Trustees that three new departments be established within the College of Human Medicine: The Department of Anesthesia, the Department of Emergency Medicine, and the Department of Translation Science and Molecular Medicine, effective January 1, 2012. The effective date for the program/curriculum, Fall, 2012.



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BACKGROUND

In the past several years, the College of Human Medicine (CHM) has grown significantly in terms of faculty students, program and presence. Partnering with the greater Grand Rapids community, including the health care institutions, research institute, business community and philanthropists, more than \$150 million in new resources have been deployed to expand the entering CHM class to 200 per year, complete a \$90 million medical education building, recruit 25 new teaching faculty, double the College research portfolio, and establish three new national centers of research excellence.

Continuing to build linkages between the research-intensive and educationally innovative environments of Grand Rapids and East Lansing and our other partners around the state requires an expansion of opportunities for our physicians, researchers and students. These new departments: 1) provide a scholarly academic environment for specialties in short supply throughout the state and nation; 2) respond to the demand from students for rigorous exposure in these areas and 3) provide a scholarly home for groups of dedicated physicians and scholars. Additionally, the Department of Translation Science and Molecular Medicine will support faculty who cross the borders between basic science and clinical practice of medicine. The concept of this department

evolved through discussion with the four basic science departments – physiology, pharmacology, microbiology and biochemistry. This department is created for the purpose of assisting in the hand off from the basic to the translational steps in the health sciences.

Consultation about the creation of the new departments has included faculty and students through standing committees of Academic Governance, including the University Committee on Graduate Studies and the University Committee on Faculty Affairs. There was substantial discussion on formation and operation of the new units, which led to an endorsement by Academic Governance to establish the three new departments.

On October 6, 2011, President Lou Anna K. Simon endorsed my recommendation to her that three new academic departments in the College of Human Medicine be formed. The effective date for the new units would be January 1, 2012. The effective date for the program/curriculum, Fall, 2012.

cc: Trustee Finance Committee
President Simon
Secretary Beekman
Vice President Poston
Vice President Noto
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