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Office of the President  
June 14, 2005

Members, Board of Trustees:

## CHANGE IN NAME OF AN EDUCATIONAL UNIT

Recommendation: that the Board of Trustees approve a change in the name of the College of Medicine's Department of Family Practice and Community Medicine to the Department of Family and Community Medicine, effective in the fall 2005 semester.

Background: The family medicine organizations have agreed on a change in nomenclature to drop the term "family practice" in order to emphasize the content and scholarly activity of family medicine. A formal recommendation from the academic organizations of family medicine to complete this process has ensured. The Future of Family Medicine Project, published in the *Annals of Family Medicine*, also made a strong recommendation that this name change be implemented.

As a result, the American Board of Family Practice has changed its name to the American Board of Family Medicine, the Association of Family Practice Residence Directors has done likewise and only three departments in the country are left that are continuing to use the term "family practice" in their title. The proposed change is requested to be consistent with national organizations and with the academic family medicine departments throughout the country.

The proposal has been approved by the department faculty, the Faculty Council, and the Curriculum Committee of the College of Medicine; reviewed and recommended by the Senate Committee on Academic Organization and Structure; and recommended by the Senate Council on behalf of the University Senate. The Interim Provost of the university supports this recommendation.

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Action taken:     Approved     Disapproved     Other \_\_\_\_\_