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Office of the President
January 27, 2004

Members, Board of Trustees:

COLLEGE OF PHARMACY REORGANIZATION

Recommendation: that the Board of Trustees approve the reorganization of the College of Pharmacy at the University of Kentucky. The reorganization would include the creation of the Department of Pharmaceutical Sciences and the Department of Pharmacy Practice and Science. With the creation of these two departments, the Division of Pharmaceutical Sciences and the Division of Pharmacy Practice and Science would be dissolved, effective July 1, 2004.

Background: The College of Pharmacy is recognized as a leader in national and international pharmaceutical education and research. The growth and development of the programs have had a major impact on the local, regional, and national scene. New, important initiatives have emerged in basic sciences, clinical pharmaceutical sciences, nontraditional professional education, continuing education, and managed care. The profession of pharmacy has totally reformed its practice model with the adoption of pharmaceutical care as the new national standard for pharmacy practice. The college has played a leadership role in that evolution, resulting in a complete overhauling of the professional curriculum and experiential programs.

The proposed reorganization is needed to maintain a national leadership position in pharmacy education. The new structure will optimize the utilization of college resources and provide a governance model that is more appropriate for its function, thereby enhancing the ability to continue success in teaching, research and service. In many ways, the divisions have been operating as departments, but without the fiscal management and faculty governance granted to departments. In keeping with the university-wide change to a Provost model of administration, the proposed reorganization encourages greater flexibility, accountability, and responsibility in the decisions which are made by units.

The proposal has been reviewed and recommended by the Senate Committee on Academic Organization and Structure and the Senate Council; and recommended for approval by the University Senate. The Provost of the University supports this recommendation.

Action taken: Approved Disapproved Other _____