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Office of the President
March 9, 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 Orthopedics to Department of Orthopaedic Surgery, effective immediately.

Background: The Board of Trustees recently approved the creation of the Department of Orthopedics by separating the current Division of Orthopedics from the Department of Surgery. Since that time, faculty have expressed support for the traditional spelling, which originated in 1841 and is used by both the American Board of Orthopaedic Surgeons (ABOS) and the American Association of Orthopaedic Surgeons (AAOS). The AAOS has requested that all practices use "ae" for consistency. The AAOS not only provides physicians educational and management services but also provide patient/public information in the forms of websites, brochures and other educational materials that use the spelling orthopaedic. Also, after researching the 20 benchmark institutions that were used in the review of the departmental status, 18 of the 20 spell orthopaedic with an "ae". The word "Surgery" needs to be included in the department name because "Orthopaedic Surgery" is the most widely accepted, widely recognized name among medical professionals for this discipline.

The proposed change has been approved by the faculty in the Department and the Academic Council for the Medical Center; reviewed and recommended by the Senate Committee on Academic Organization and Structure and the Senate Council and recommended by the University Senate. The Provost of the University supports this recommendation.

Action taken: Approved Disapproved Other _____