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Office of the President
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Members, Board of Trustees:

CHANGE OF ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE OF THE GRADUATE CENTER FOR BIOMEDICAL ENGINEERING

Recommendation: that the Board of Trustees approve the transfer of administrative oversight for the Graduate Center for Biomedical Engineering from the Graduate School to the College of Engineering, effective July 1, 2010.

Background: The Graduate Center for Biomedical Engineering was established by the Board of Trustees on March 4, 1986. Its mission is to provide quality programs of education, research, and service in the area of biomedical engineering. The multidisciplinary character of biomedical engineering and operation of the program as a Graduate Center offer unique opportunities to fulfill this mission. The educational mission is served by bringing the expertise of faculty from diverse disciplines to bear upon the development of a curriculum focusing on the application of the principles of engineering and physics to medicine and biology.

Relocation of this Center has been under discussion for several years. Part of the charge to the Futures Task Force was to make recommendations concerning the administrative reporting relationships for the graduate program centers reporting to the Dean of the Graduate School. In 2002 the Task Force responded to this charge and recommended assignment of the administrative responsibility of the Graduate Center for Biomedical Engineering to the College of Engineering. Since 2004, the leadership team of the Graduate Center for Biomedical Engineering has been exploring possible collaborations.

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 _____