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Office of the President
December 13, 2016

Members, Board of Trustees:

CHANGE IN NAME OF AN EDUCATIONAL UNIT:
COLLEGE OF MEDICINE

Recommendation: that the Board of Trustees approve a change in the name of the Department of Anatomy and Neurobiology to the Department of Neuroscience, in the College of Medicine, effective January 1, 2017.

Background: This name change provides an opportunity to emphasize the Department's key strengths in neuroscience that align with the University's educational and health care missions. Given a national priority to develop neuroscience, as well as the Department's current research and teaching emphasis in this area, a clear definition of the research focus and vision in the Department, exemplified by its name as the Department of Neuroscience, would prime it for further growth. This name change will better reflect the activities in the Department and allow for more accurate recognition of its research work and funding by agencies and national rankings entities.

Aligning the Department with the educational focus on neuroscience nationally will enhance the Department's ability to recruit top quality graduate and professional trainees. Also, the name change will allow direct association and comparison with peer units nationally, improving the profile of the Department, the College, and the University as a whole.

The faculty and staff assignments and the organization of the Department will not be impacted by this name change.

The proposed change has been approved by the faculty of the Department of Anatomy and Neurobiology, the College of Medicine Faculty Council, and the faculty of the College of Medicine; reviewed and recommended by the Senate Academic Organization and Structure Committee and the Senate Council; and endorsed by the University Senate. The Provost of the University supports this recommendation.

Action taken: Approved Disapproved Other _____