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Office of the President
December 15, 2020

Members, Board of Trustees:

<u>CLOSURE OF EDUCATIONAL UNIT CENTERS</u>

<u>Recommendation</u>: that the Board of Trustees approve the following actions, effective January 1, 2021:

- Closure as educational unit center and movement to administrative unit center designation for the following:
    - Center for Advancement of Women's Health
    - Center for Microelectrode Technology
    - Center for Minimally Invasive Surgery
- Closure as educational unit center for the following:
    - Center for Developmental Change
    - Center for Learning Resources
    - Center for Manufacturing
    - Center for Research on Environmental Disease

<u>Background</u>: In a recent review of educational unit Multidisciplinary Research Centers (MDRC), it was discovered that a number of previously Senate-recommended and Board of Trustees-approved MDRCs have long ago been administratively inactivated or no longer qualify as MDRC. However, the appropriate action (either the termination of these units or change to "administrative unit") had not been processed through the Senate nor final action rendered by the Board of Trustees.

The Office of the Provost has consulted with the deans of colleges containing MDRCs that require formal action. For those MDRCs that are now functioning as an administrative center instead of as an educational unit center, the dean has contacted the respective director and faculty, and each supports the action. For those MDRCs that are not active, and have not been active for years, the provost has contacted the dean to obtain the consultation of the college Faculty Council or other similar representative body.

The proposed actions have been reviewed and recommended by the Senate Academic Organization and Structure Committee and the Senate Council; and are scheduled to be reviewed on December 14 for approval on their academic merits and endorsed on their non-academic merits by the University Senate. The provost of the university supports this recommendation.

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Action taken: ☑Approved ☐ Disapproved ☐ Other_____