THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN
REGENTS COMMUNICATION

ACTION REQUEST

SUBJECT: New graduate degree program in the Medical School
ACTION REQUESTED: Approval to offer a new Master of Medical Science degree program,
Medical School
EFFECTIVE DATE: April 19, 2012

The Medical School proposes a new Master of Medical Science (M.M.S.) degree program. The purpose
of the degree is to grant formal academic recognition by the Medical School to students who successfully
complete and demonstrate competency in the first two years of the medical school curriculum, but are
unable to complete the requirements for a Doctor of Medicine degree due to personal or administrative
reasons.

The M.M.S. degree would acknowledge a student’s demonstrated competence with the basic medical
science knowledge as gained during the pre-clinical years of medical school. Moreover, formal
recognition of their education and academic achievement may be useful for future educational or
employment purposes.

An eligible student may be considered for the M.M.S. degree any time after the completion of the first
two years of medical school prior to graduation with a Doctor of Medicine degree. Once approved, the
Medical School intends to award the M.M.S. degree to two past medical students who dis-enrolled in
good standing within the past 20 months. Thereafter, the Medical School will consider: (a) only those
students currently enrolled as of May 2012, and (b) only those students who submit their request for the
degree within 12 months of their official dis-enrollment date.

No individuals will be granted admission to the Medical School with the sole intent of obtaining the
Master of Medical Science degree.

The proposed degree has received approval by the School’s academic governance boards and Executive
Committee. We request that the Regents approve the new graduate degree, “Master of Medical Science.”
The program will be implemented upon approval from the President’s Council of State Universities of
Michigan, pending the Board of Regents approval.

RECOMMENDED BY:

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Dean
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President for Academic Affairs

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Attachment