

THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN
REGENTS COMMUNICATION

SUBJECT: School of Health Professions and Studies University of Michigan-Flint

ACTION REQUESTED: Approval to change the name of the School of Health Professions and Studies to the College of Health Sciences

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2018

The School of Health Sciences (SHS) was established at the UM-Flint in 1982 and housed programs in health care, medical technology, and physical therapy (transferred from the UM Medical School). In 1989, the Department of Nursing joined SHS and the school name was changed to the School of Health Professions and Studies (SHPS). The school has experienced significant expansion in programs and student enrollment since its establishment.

In 2016, the Nursing Department separated from SHPS to establish the School of Nursing. Following this, SHPS engaged in a dynamic strategic planning process to define the new direction of the school. SHPS vision is to be the college of choice for the advancement of health professions and has established goals in the areas of teaching, scholarship, community engagement, and program development to move toward this vision.

In pursuit of the program development goal, SHPS established a bachelor of science completion program in respiratory therapy that began in Fall 2017 and plans to convert the master of science in anesthesia to a doctor of nurse anesthesia practice in Fall 2018. Pending accreditation approvals, SHPS will also launch an occupational therapy doctorate in Fall 2019 and a master of science, physician assistant in June 2020. Additional programs may be added pending further review and resource assessment. As part of this expansion, SHPS is redefining its structure and will establish three new departments over a period of three years, Occupational Therapy, Physician Assistant, and Clinical Sciences joining the Departments of Physical Therapy and Public Health and Health Sciences. The Clinical Sciences Department will house clinical programs currently located in the Public Health and Health Sciences Department.

With implementation of the newly developing programs SHPS anticipates increasing undergraduate enrollment by 100 students and graduate enrollments by 240 students within the next five years. Additional programs, if developed, would expand these enrollment estimates.

SHPS proposes to change its name to the College of Health Sciences to reflect both the public health and health profession programs within the school. This name change will more accurately reflect the diverse scope and stature of the programs within the unit and aligns with strategic initiatives within the unit to enhance teaching, expand research and community engagement, and develop new programs. A marketing campaign will be utilized to announce the name change and highlight existing and future programs. Changing the unit name from a school to a college is consistent with other units of health science programs within the state universities in Michigan.

The proposal to change the name of SHPS to the College of Health Sciences received unanimous support from the SHPS faculty. Approval of this new college name will necessitate changes to the Regents' Bylaws Section 6.02.

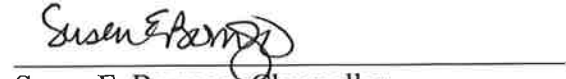
With the support of the chancellor, I request approval to change the name of the School of Health Professions and Studies to the College of Health Sciences effective July 1, 2018.

RECOMMENDED BY:

RECOMMENDATION ENDORSED BY:



Douglas G. Knerr, Provost and
Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs



Susan E. Borrego, Chancellor
University of Michigan-Flint

May 2018