

**THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN
REGENTS COMMUNICATION**

**Approved by the Regents
April 19, 2012**

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.

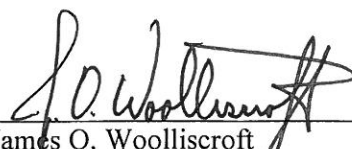
The M.M.S. degree would acknowledge a student's demonstrated competence with the basic medical science knowledge as gained during the pre-clinical years of medical school. Moreover, formal recognition of their education and academic achievement may be useful for future educational or employment purposes.

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.

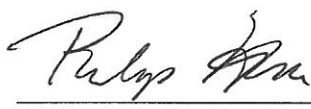
No individuals will be granted admission to the Medical School with the sole intent of obtaining the Master of Medical Science degree.

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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Philip J. Hanlon
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Attachment