

THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN
REGENTS COMMUNICATION

June 21, 2007

ACTION REQUEST Reorganization of Academic Departments in the College of
Pharmacy

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2007

The College of Pharmacy seeks approval to combine the mission and faculty of two current departments, the Department of Clinical Sciences and the Department of Social and Administrative Sciences, into one cohesive department, which will be called the Department of Clinical, Social and Administrative Sciences, effective July 1, 2007.

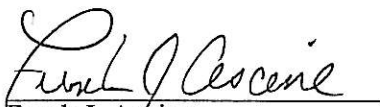
Four departments were created and approved by the Regents in May 2000 and have functioned independently for the last seven years; however, over time, it has become clear that the similarities and common research efforts of two of the original departments far outweigh their differences. In a desire to take advantage of the commonality and complementary skills and interests within these departments, a merger was proposed and reviewed in depth. It was determined that a merger of the two disciplines will maximize the contributions of all faculty appointed by coordinating teaching assignments, enhancing core research efforts and providing appropriate service involvement. The creation of one department will also help to assure appropriate allocation of resources and strengthen the quality of the graduate programs which, in turn, will have a positive impact on faculty and student recruitment, both now and in the future. The other two existing departments (the Department of Medicinal Chemistry and the Department of Pharmaceutical Sciences) will remain as they are.

The mission of the new department is to improve the health and wellness of individuals and society by enhancing drug therapy outcomes through production of outstanding professionals from our educational programs, conducting scholarly research and providing exemplary professional and innovative clinical services.


This reorganization to a single Department of Clinical, Social and Administrative Sciences will encourage the academic growth of the faculty and the students. In addition, this action will favorably position the newly formed department to attract the best new faculty and students from around the world. It will not affect our degree programs, nor will it have any negative budgetary consequences. This proposal has the endorsement of the current faculty in both departments, the endorsement of the College faculty as a whole and the Executive Committee of the College of Pharmacy. We therefore request approval to merge the Department of Clinical Sciences and the Department of Social and Administrative Sciences into one department and to rename it the Department of Clinical, Social and Administrative Sciences. We request this reorganization to be effective July 1, 2007.

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