THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN REGENTS COMMUNICATION

ACTION REQUEST:

Name and Operational Change of an Academic Institute

CURRENT NAME:

Molecular and Behavioral Neurosciences Institute

RECOMMENDED NAME:

Michigan Neuroscience Institute

EFFECTIVE DATE:

January 1, 2020

With the concurrence of the Executive Committee of the Medical School, we are pleased to recommend a change in the name of the Molecular and Behavioral Neurosciences Institute to the Michigan Neuroscience Institute, effective January 1, 2020.

This name change seeks to better reflect the work of the institute and to more strongly resonate with internal and external stakeholders. In addition, we seek approval to change the institute's reporting line. The Molecular and Behavioral Neurosciences Institute has a legacy reporting line to the Chair of the Department of Psychiatry, which dates back to the original inception of the institute in 1955 as the University of Michigan Mental Health Research Institute. However, given the cross-school reach and vision for the institute to enable neuroscience more broadly at the university, we respectfully request that the reporting relationship change to the Medical School Dean.

For the reasons stated above, we recommend changing the name and reporting line of the Molecular and Behavioral Neurosciences Institute, effective January 1, 2020.

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