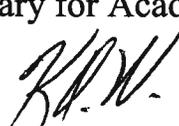


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MEMORANDUM

TO: Jacqueline Wright, Secretary for Academic Governance
FROM: Kim A. Wilcox, Provost 
SUBJECT: Department Name Change Request



Attached please find the request for a name change from the College of Osteopathic Medicine. I forward to academic governance for their advice.

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TO: Kim Wilcox, PhD
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FROM: William Strampel, DO, FACOI
Dean

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From September 27 through October 1, 2010, the Commission on Osteopathic College Accreditation (COCA) conducted an onsite accreditation visit of the College of Osteopathic Medicine at Michigan State University (MSUCOM). In preparation for COCA's visit, MSUCOM had engaged in an 18-month Self-Study.

Based on the findings of the Self-Study and COCA's site report, MSUCOM administration and faculty reviewed the college bylaws as well as the bylaws of its departments. Subsequent to these reviews, the chairperson and faculty of the Department of Internal Medicine recognizing the dynamic nature of osteopathic medicine and healthcare reform, and expansive growth within their department including individuals from multiple specialties holding faculty appointments, the department approached me with a request to formally recognize its expanded scope of activities and achievements.

I request that MSUCOM's Department of Internal Medicine be renamed the *Department of Internal Medicine, Emergency Medicine and International Medicine*.

- The primary college responsibility of this department is to lead the education of students via a systems biology approach in the maintenance of health and in the recognition and treatment of disease, participate in the curriculum across the continuum of years 1-4 by participation and leadership in course offerings, maintenance of clinical practice venues in which to educate medical students, and participation and leadership in the education of adult learners through the continuum of graduate medical education and beyond.
- The department is committed to clinical and basic science research on a local, national and international level; with major focuses on cerebral malaria in children in Malawi, Africa. The research team lead by Dr. Terrie Taylor, and joined by Dr. Karl Seydel, along with support staff Lynne Mande and Jennifer Leedy recently received a nine (9) million dollar center grant from the NIH, one of only seven awarded in the world, and the only one for the southeast African region speaks to the high caliber of this longstanding research endeavor. In addition, recent advances in HIV research have been established in the Department, involving Dr. Peter Gulick and research nurse Linda Williams.
- The department participates in continuing medical educational programs for the profession and the public; and adds to the broad mission of improved and efficient medical care.

Thank you for your consideration of this request. Please let me know if you have questions.

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