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MEMORANDUM

TO: Kim A. Wilcox, Provost
FROM: Marsha D. Rappley MD, Dean *MR*
SUBJECT: Department Name Change: Epidemiology

I am seeking your approval to change the name of the College of Human Medicine Department of Epidemiology to the *Department of Epidemiology and Biostatistics*.



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Since the founding of the unit, there has been a Division of Biostatistics. In recent years, this Division has grown, as has interest in a graduate level program in biostatistics. The Department has submitted a request for a new MS program in Biostatistics for College and University approval. It is now appropriate to submit this request to change the name of our academic unit to reflect our future goals as a department—to perform research and educate students in both fields of epidemiology and biostatistics.

The College's Curriculum Committee and the College Advisory Council have approved this request. We have also contacted Dean James Fitzpatrick in the College of Natural Science and Dr. Yang Wang, Chair in the Department of Mathematics, who both expressed no relevant objections.

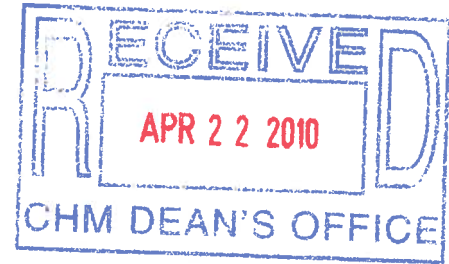
Thank you for your consideration.

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April 19, 2010

Marsha Rappley, M.D.
Dean, College of Human Medicine
Michigan State University



Dear Dr. Rappley,

We the faculty of the Department of Epidemiology, under full deliberation, propose that the name of the academic unit be changed to '*The Department of Epidemiology and Biostatistics*'. Since the founding of the unit, there has been a Division of Biostatistics. In recent years this division has grown as has interest in a graduate level program in biostatistics. The Department has submitted a request for a new MS program in Biostatistics for college and university approval. We now feel that it is appropriate to submit this request to officially change the name of our academic unit to reflect our future goals as a department: to perform research and educate students in both the fields of epidemiology and biostatistics.

Many of our colleagues work in Departments of Epidemiology and Biostatistics across the country. Some of the institutions that house units with this title include:



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Boston University
The University of Georgia
The University of Florida
Texas A & M University

We ask that you strongly consider our request for this change. As our department and academic programs are growing, this new title will better represent what we as a department strive to achieve.

Sincerely,

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Interim Chair,
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Director, Division of Biostatistics
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