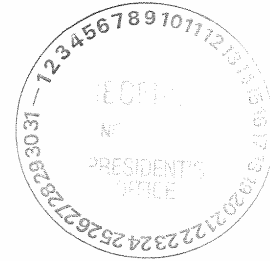




MEMORANDUM



To: Donna E. Shalala, President
From: Mary Coombs, Chair, Faculty Senate

Date: November 5, 2004

Subject: Faculty Senate Legislation #2004-08(B) - Migration of the Health Science Program from A&S to Nursing

The Faculty Senate, at its October 27, 2004 meeting, voted unanimously to approve the migration of the undergraduate Health Science Program from the College of Arts and Sciences to the School of Nursing. The proposal is enclosed for your reference. In addition to the proposal, during discussion at the meeting, the following clarifications were made:

- While the College of Arts & Sciences has decided to suspend its Health Science Program, the College has reserved the authority to reactivate the program, in whole or in part, if deemed appropriate...
• While not mentioned specifically in the Proposal, nothing in the decision to migrate is intended to affect the current honors program (HPPT) that serves as an accelerated Honors Program for exceptional students...

This legislation is now forwarded to you for your action.

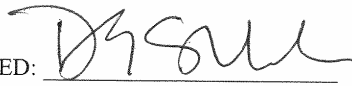
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cc: Luis Glaser, Executive Vice President and Provost
Nilda Peragallo, Dean, School of Nursing

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CAPSULE: Faculty Senate Legislation #2004-08(B) – Migration of the Health Science Program from A&S to Nursing

PRESIDENT'S RESPONSE

APPROVED:  DATE: 11-19-04
(President's Signature)

OFFICE OR INDIVIDUAL TO IMPLEMENT: Provost

EFFECTIVE DATE OF LEGISLATION: _____
(if other than June 1 next following)

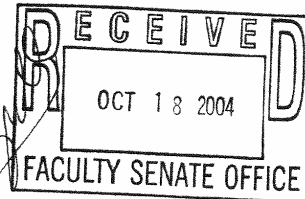
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REMARKS (IF NOT APPROVED): _____

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FROM: Nilda Peragallo, DrPH, RN, FAAN
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RE: Migration of the Health Science Program

13 October 04

Attached is a request for approval for the migration of the undergraduate Health Science Program from the College of Arts and Sciences to the School of Nursing. The Faculty of the College of Arts and Sciences voted on September 13, 2004, to support the creation of a Health Science Program by the School of Nursing. (See the attached September 15, 2004 memorandum to President Shalala from Dr. Jane Connolly, Vice Dean, College of Arts and Sciences). In so doing, the College agreed not to admit new students to any of the six tracks of its current Health Science Program after the 2004-2005 academic year.

The suspension of the Health Science Program and support of the creation of a Health Science Program in the School of Nursing is identical to the action taken by the College on September 23, 1997, when it approved the development of an International Studies Major and the migration of the Department of Geography to the Graduate School of International Studies when the latter was transformed into the School of International Studies. The College retained its majors in both International Studies and Geography on an inactive basis. The establishment of an undergraduate major in International Studies and the migration of the Department of Geography to the School of International Studies were approved by the Faculty Senate on October 6, 1997. The subsequent majors offered by the School of International Studies in both International Studies and Geography were initially identical to those which migrated from the College of Arts and Sciences. (Faculty Senate Minutes, October 6, 1997).

The migration is being initiated at the request of President Donna Shalala. The Tenured Faculty of the School of Nursing voted unanimously to accept the Health Science Program at its August 18, 2004 meeting. The School Council, which consists of all voting faculty, voted unanimously to accept the program at its August 25, 2004 meeting. Both votes were with the understanding that a proposal would not go forward to the Faculty Senate without the approval of the appropriate faculty bodies of the College of Arts and Sciences.

Please do not hesitate to contact me should the Faculty Senate desire further information. Thank you.

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REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF THE MIGRATION OF THE HEALTH SCIENCE PROGRAM TO THE SCHOOL OF NURSING

Overview of the Health Science Program:

The Health Science Program (HSP) has been an interdisciplinary program in the College of Arts and Sciences that began in the 1948 as a Medical Technician Program for returning World War II veterans. The HSP gradually evolved into a program offering six tracks designed to prepare students for other allied health professional or graduate programs. The current HSP offers academic tracks that are similar to majors in Pre-Physical Therapy, Pre-Pharmacy, Pre-Forensics, Health Science/Business Administration, Pre-Physician's Assistant, and Health Science General. Upon completion of the HSP, graduates are awarded a Bachelor of Health Science degree. Admission requirements and an overview of the curriculum by track are attached (<http://fig.cox.edu/healthsci/>). Total enrollment and enrollment by track has varied across time, averaging 134 per year since 1995. As of September 9, 2004, there are 195 enrolled students, with 67 in Pre-Physical Therapy, 35 in Pre-Forensics, 38 in Health Science General, 30 in Pre-Pharmacy, 14 in Health Science/Business Administration, and 11 in the Pre-Physician's Assistant track.

Rationale for Migration: The School of Nursing faculty is in agreement with President Shalala that it is in an excellent position to offer expert and personalized guidance to health science students both in their career choices and progression through the HSP. The Office of Student Services has been greatly expanded over the past year. An experienced person has been appointed as Associate Dean for Student Services and has developed a comprehensive student orientation and guidance program, which will be extended to HSP students.

The location of a HSP in the School of Nursing mirrors a national trend to locate programs in health science or health studies in Schools of Nursing or Allied Health or in an umbrella school often titled a School of the Health Professions. In the absence of a School of Allied Health or a School of the Health Professions at the University of Miami, the School of Nursing is a logical choice. Part of the reason for the trend is that schools of nursing faculties are in the unique position of being in the clinical setting daily and working with clients and other health professionals. In so doing, they are kept current regarding health care trends and needs, which will assist them in evaluating and constantly updating the relevance of health science and nursing programs. In addition, the School of Nursing has contracts with over 103 health care agencies in the South Florida region alone, offering multiple opportunities for health science students to incorporate community-based and service learning experiences and clinical internships into their curriculums. Such "hands-on" experiences are advantageous and should enhance future HSP graduates' applications to graduate professional schools.

The School of Nursing also has faculty with degrees in a variety of disciplines, including anthropology, counseling, curriculum design, higher education, human resources, and public health in addition to their advanced degrees in nursing and certification in multiple

clinical specialties. This affords faculty a strong interdisciplinary orientation that can build off of the current interdisciplinary and interdepartmental HSP. It also allows for the possibility of incorporating a strong health core into the already excellent science core, as well as expanding into a variety of new health science offerings, such as international health, health policy, health informatics, nutrition, and a more general health professions track that could include specialties such as women's, elder, and adolescent health, and health education. The expansion of offerings will provide potential students with additional opportunities, which addresses one of the reasons cited by the College of Arts and Science for endorsing a HSP in the School of Nursing.

Administrative Structure:

Upon approval of the migration of the HSP to the School of Nursing, a full-time director of advising for health science students will be hired. The Director will be located in the Office of Student Services and report to Dr. Valerie Browne-Krimsley, Associate Dean for Student Services.

Also, a full-time Director of the HSP will be recruited to address curricular and academic issues related to the health science students, as well as to work with the School of Nursing faculty to gradually expand HSP offerings, coordinate current interdisciplinary offerings, and eventually, oversee new health science faculty that will become part of the School of Nursing. The Director will report to the Dean of the School of Nursing.

Admission Requirements, Curriculum, and Degree Awarded:

There will be no changes in the current admission requirements, curricular structure, tracks offered, or degree awarded with the migration of the HSP in the School of Nursing. All students currently enrolled, including those admitted during the 2004-2005 Academic Year, will complete the program as stated in the *University of Miami Undergraduate Bulletin* in effect when they entered. The current criteria and process for transfer of students between tracks and majors and minors of the HSP will remain the same.

Future modifications in the current HSP admission requirements and/or curriculum that may be needed to accommodate changes in the health field, enhance graduates' acceptance into graduate and professional programs, or offer additional majors will be done in accordance with the admission and curricular process and policies of the School of Nursing. Such changes will be done in consultation with faculty in the academic units offering HSP majors and minors.

Advising of Students:

Upon migration of the HSP to the School of Nursing, advising and other student services will be offered to all currently enrolled students by the School of Nursing through the new Director of Advising for the HSP. Currently enrolled HSP students will also continue to have advising from the College of Arts and Sciences. Plans for such joint

advising will be initiated and coordinated by Dr. Browne-Krimsley. Such joint advising will help assure that currently enrolled students and those admitted during 2004-2005 academic year will meet College-wide requirements for graduation as requested in the September 15, 2004 memorandum from the College.

Advising of HSP students admitted during the 2005-2006 academic year and thereafter will be done through the School of Nursing.

Faculty Workload:

No additional workload in terms of teaching assignments or student advising is anticipated for the School of Nursing faculty teaching in the current nursing programs. If HSP options are expand, faculty from the appropriate health science specialty and other disciplines will be added.

It is not anticipated that any faculty member teaching in the current HSP will be transferred to the School of Nursing. Most courses in the six tracks of the HSP are located in the College of Arts and Sciences and are taken by other students throughout the University. Many other courses are located in other schools/departments offering current HSP majors or minors.

Bruce Grayson, Lecturer, in the College of Arts and Sciences, will continue to teach the specialized health science courses (currently titled HSC 210: Human Anatomy and HSC 220: Systemic Physiology, and HSC 221: Systemic Physiology Laboratory) through the College. Mr. Grayson has been with the HSP since the 1970s and has taught the specialized HSP courses since the early 1980s. The courses are currently open only to health science majors and undergraduate nursing students. The possibility of opening the courses to a broader range of students is not an issue for the School of Nursing as long as sufficient spaces are made available for nursing and future health science students so that their orderly progression through their undergraduate programs is not delayed. The School of Nursing faculty would expect to be consulted about future changes in the content of the courses.

Budget:

Upon migration of the HSP in the School of Nursing, two FTEs will be added. One for the Director of HSP and one for the Director of Advisement. These positions will be funded by the School of Nursing through current tuition revenues. Hiring of future HSP faculty and staff will be done as program offerings expand. Future HSP positions will be funded primarily through tuition monies generated by the HSP.

No additional library resources will be requested with the migration of the HSP. As new options are added, library resources will be increased as needed and funded through the School of Nursing. With the strong interdisciplinary nature of the curriculum of the School of Nursing and the current HSP, there are already a wide variety of books and journals available through the Richter and Calder Libraries for future expansion. With

increased electronic access to many health care and basic and social science journals, it is anticipated that the needs of an expanded HSP will be adequately satisfied. It should also be noted that School of Nursing students and faculty have access to libraries and other learning resources in many contract agencies. These resources should also be available to present and future HSP faculty and students having experiences contract agencies.

Faculty and Student Resources:

Upon migration of the HSP in the School of Nursing, student resources will be enhanced. HSP students will have access to the computer laboratory in the current School of Nursing building, and offices have been delegated for the new directors of the HSP and of advising. The first class of HSP admitted under the auspices of the School of Nursing during the 2005-2006 academic year will be headquartered in the new School of Nursing building due to open in late 2005. HSP students will have access to expanded and state-of-the-art computer facilities; on-site research, simulation, and other types of learning laboratories; student study, work, and lounge areas; and fully equipped seminar rooms, large classrooms, and conference facilities. The building will be equipped to offer teleconferencing and distance learning, greatly enhancing recruitment, enrollment, and teaching options for the HSP. The new building will also afford both nursing and HSP faculty with private offices for student counseling and individualized work.

COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES – UNDERGRADUATE BULLETIN

HEALTH SCIENCE PROGRAM - Dept. Code: HSC

<http://fig.cox.miami.edu/healthsci/>

Charles H. Mallery, Ph.D., Director
Bruce Grayson, M.Ed., Faculty

The Health Science Program offers academic tracks leading to further education in specialized allied health fields. Upon completion of one of the tracks the student will be awarded the Bachelor of Health Science degree. A Health Science major requires courses in both biology and health science with a minimum grade of C- in each course. The student must satisfy both the general degree requirements listed below and the requirements of a specific track to be awarded the Bachelor of Health Science degree. Students must maintain at least a 2.8 GPA g.p.a. in the courses listed under the track requirements with no grade below a C-.

The Pre-Physical Therapy track is a program developed in conjunction with the Physical Therapy Program of the Department of Orthopaedics and Rehabilitation in the School of Medicine. The College of Arts and Sciences will award a Bachelor of Health Science after completion of the requirements listed below. The School of Medicine will award a Master of Science in Physical Therapy upon completion of the physical therapy requirements of that School. These requirements may be found in the Graduate School Bulletin.

The Health Science Program also offers curricula that are designed to prepare students for other allied health professional or graduate education programs. We offer a health science major with a sports medicine, exercise science, or sports management minor for students interested in these areas. We offer a health science major with a minor in business administration for students interested in health care management. We offer options in pre-pharmacy for students wishing to attend a graduate pharmacy program and pre-forensics for students interested in attending a forensics graduate program to become a criminalist. We have a program of study for students wishing to attend a physicians assistant program. In addition, we will try to tailor a program for students wishing other health occupation options. Students are encouraged to contact graduate programs directly to ascertain if there are specific course requirements that might differ from HSC track requirements. Any course changes may be added to a students undergraduate curriculum track.

In accepting students into the Health Science program, the University does not in any way assure admittance into any professional graduate programs. Admission to any of these programs is dependent upon the academic performance in the pre-clinical course-work and is determined independently by the faculty of the school or program involved. Sixty hours of academic credit must be obtained at this University prior to the awarding of the Bachelors degree. No minor is offered in Health Science. Health Science students may not minor in biology.

Because of the increasingly sophisticated skills necessary in the health sciences, to be accepted into the program, entering freshmen must have a minimum SAT score of 1100 or an ACT score of 24. Transfer students must have a minimum cumulative grade point average of 3.0 for the pre-physical therapy track or a 2.8 for the other tracks. The program director may drop from, or refuse to accept into, the program any student who falls below these minimum cumulative grade point averages.

GENERAL DEGREE REQUIREMENTS:

1. English Composition - 3-6 credits

Except as indicated below, students must take English 105 and 106 (or its equivalent) during the first year of enrollment in the College. Admission to ENG 105 requires a placement score acceptable to the Department of English. Students whose placement scores are deemed unacceptably low will be required to take the non-credit course, ENG 103, before taking ENG 105 and 106. Such students must fulfill the English Composition requirement within the first three semesters in the College. Students whose placement scores are high may be exempted from ENG 105 but not from ENG 106 or its equivalent.

2. Mathematics - 4 credits

MTH 111 or equivalent

3. Statistics and Computer Programming - 6-7 credits

- MTH 224 or PSY 204 (MAS 201 for Bus. Admin. Track)
- EEN 118, IEN 124, CSC 120, or CIS 120

4. Humanities - 12 credits

B.H.S. degree candidates must earn 12 credits in the three areas listed below. At least three credits must be earned in each area.

- Fine Arts: courses in the departments of Art and Art History, Dance (DAN 250 only), Musicology (only the following: either MCY 131 or MCY 132, but not both, MCY 325, MCY 361 and MCY 362), Music Theory (MTC 125 only), and Theatre Arts (THA 101 only) count toward this requirement.
- Literature: courses in the departments of English (200-level and higher) and Foreign Languages and Literatures (300-level and higher) count toward this requirement.
- Philosophy & Religion: courses in the departments of Philosophy and Religious Studies count toward this requirement. One approved First Year seminar course may be taken for the Arts and Humanities requirement. **An American Studies, Judaic Studies, or Women's Studies designated humanities courses may be taken for the Arts and Humanities requirement.** See the Arts and Sciences Center for Academic Services for details of specific courses.
- An additional 3 credits from a, b, or c above or 3 credits in a foreign language other than ones native language.

5. Social Science - 6 credits

B.H.S. degree candidates must earn six credits in the following social science disciplines: African-American Studies, American Studies, Anthropology (except APY 203), Economics, Geography and Regional Studies (except GEG 120), History, International Studies, a Judaic Studies Social Science course, Political Science, Psychology, Sociology, and Women's Studies. No more than three credits may be earned in any one discipline.

One approved First Year seminar course may be taken for the People and Society requirement. See the College of Arts and Sciences Center for Academic Services for details of specific courses.

6. Writing - 15 credits

May include any of the courses listed above except ENG 105 and ENG 106.

TRACK REQUIREMENTS:

1. Pre-Physical Therapy Track

Biology 150/151, 160/161, 250, 255 and six credits of electives in biology or health science above 100 level
Health Science 210, 220
Chemistry - two semesters with lab, must include 104/106 or 201/205
Physics - two semesters with lab
Psychology 203 or 352
A minor in a discipline accepted by the College of Arts and Sciences.

2. Pre-Pharmacy Track

Biology 150/151, 160/161, 250, 255 and three credits of electives in biology or health science above the 100 level
Health Science 210, 220
Chemistry minor - 111/113, 112/114, 201/205, 202/206
Physics - two semesters with lab
Economics 211, 212
Biochemistry and Molecular Biology 401
Communication 211
(Transfer students who do not complete the chemistry minor at the University of Miami must choose another minor accepted by the College of Arts and Sciences)

3. Pre-Forensics Track

Biology 150/151, 160/161, 250, 255 and three credits of electives in biology or health science above the 100 level
Health Science 210, 220, 221, and BIL 251 or BIL 252
Chemistry minor - 111/113, 112/114, 201/205, 202/206
Sociology 101, 271, 371, 372, 373, 470
Psychology 110 and 352
(Transfer students who do not complete the chemistry minor at the University of Miami must choose another minor accepted by the College of Arts and Sciences)

4. Health Science/Business Administration Track

Biology 150/151, 160/161, and 12 credits of electives in biology or health science above the 100 level
Health Science 210, 220
Chemistry-two semesters with lab, must include 104/106 or 201/205
Physics-two semesters with lab
Business Administration minor including ACC 211, 212, CIS 120, MAS 201, MGT 304, MKT 301, and FIN.300

5. Pre-Physicians Assistant Track

Biology 150/151, 160/161, 250, 255 and three credits of electives in biology or health science above the 100 level
Health Science 210, 220, 221
Chemistry minor-111/113, 112/114, 201/205, 202/206
Physics-two semesters with lab
Microbiology 301
Psychology 110 and 3 additional credits in PSY
Sociology 101
Communication 211

(Transfer students who do not complete the chemistry minor at the University of Miami must choose another minor accepted by the College of Arts and Sciences)

6. Health Science General Track

Biology 150/151, 160/161, 250, 255 and three credits of electives in biology or health science above 100 level
Health Science 210, 220
Chemistry - two semesters with lab, must include 104/106 or 201/205
Physics - two semesters with lab
A minor in a discipline accepted by the College of Arts and Sciences.

This program may be modified to meet the needs of various students. See the Program Director for more details.

HSC 210. Human Anatomy

4 cr. *Offered Spring* - Human anatomy for students in allied health programs. Structural interrelationships of organ systems. Demonstrations, dissections, and discussions. *Prerequisite: BIL 150. Students not in the Health Science or Nursing programs need permission of instructor.*

HSC 220. Systemic Physiology

3 cr. *Offered Fall*

Systemic physiology for students in allied health programs. Function of major human systems. *Prerequisite: HSC 210.*

HSC 221. Systemic Physiology Laboratory

2 cr. *Offered Fall*

Experiments illustrating the physiology of organ systems. *Prerequisite or co-requisite: HSC 220 and permission of instructor.*

HSC 310. Advanced Human Anatomy

4 cr. *Offered Spring*

An in-depth exploration of the human body requiring extensive laboratory work, lectures, dissections and field trips. *Prerequisite: HSC 210 and permission of instructor.*



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MEMORANDUM

TO: Donna E. Shalala
President

Nilda P. Peragallo
Dean, School of Nursing

Mary I. Coombs
Chair, Faculty Senate

FROM: Jane E. Connolly *Jane E. Connolly*
Vice Dean, Arts and Sciences

SUBJECT: Health Sciences

DATE: 15 September 2004

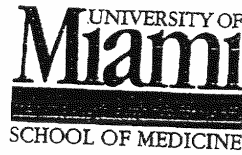
At the 13 September meeting of the Faculty of the College of Arts and Sciences, the Faculty voted to reconsider its vote of 20 April regarding the transfer of the Health Sciences program to the School of Nursing. After discussing the merits of the request made by President Shalala and Dean Peragallo, the faculty voted on the following motion:

To support the creation of a Health Sciences program in the School of Nursing that will give additional opportunities to students and provide them with new academic resources.

The motion passed with 40 faculty in favor and two abstaining. It is important to note that this vote was based on the following understandings: 1) that the College would not suffer any negative financial consequences as a result of students moving to Nursing, as indicated by the President; and 2) that there would be additional resources available to students through a Health Sciences program in Nursing and thus the students would be better served. Students who are currently in the Arts and Sciences degree program may be advised by Nursing, but it is important that they also receive advising from Arts and Sciences to assure that they meet the College-wide requirements for graduation.

Should you have any questions, please let me know.

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September 7, 2004

To : Dr. Nilda Peragallo
Dean, School of Nursing

From : Dr. John G. Clarkson *J. Clarkson*
Senior Vice President for Medical Affairs and Dean
School of Medicine

Re : Health Sciences Program

The School of Medicine endorses the transfer of responsibility for the Health Sciences Program to the School of Nursing.

While I am not empowered to act on behalf of the School Council, I will make this recommendation to the School Council of the School of Medicine at its next regularly scheduled meeting on Tuesday, September 28th at 5:00 p.m. in SCCC #1301.

I hope that you or your representative might attend the School Council meeting for the purpose of discussing the issues and answer any questions that members of the School Council may have.

JGC:bd
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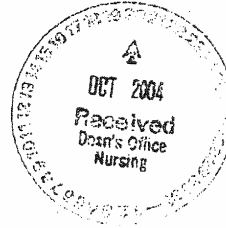
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October 5, 2004

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Dear Dr. Peragallo,

I hope this letter finds you well. At our September 28 Medical School Faculty Council meeting, Dean Clarkson mentioned your request to have the Health Sciences Program moved to the School of Nursing. Thank you for informing us of this change, and we wish you great success.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "Michael Lewis". The signature is fluid and cursive, written over a light blue horizontal line.

Michael Lewis, M.D.
Speaker, Medical School Faculty Council

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October 18, 2004

To: Faculty Senate

From: Sherrill H. Hayes, PhD, PT
Professor and Chair
Department of Physical Therapy

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Sherrill Hayes", written over the printed name and title.

Re: Support of Migration of BHS Program to School of Nursing

As one of the stakeholders in the Bachelor of Health Science degree programs here at the University of Miami, I wish to unequivocally state my support for the migration of the BHS in Health Sciences program to the School of Nursing.

As a matter of background, I will explain our relationship to the BHS Program. The Physical Therapy Department's Doctor of Physical Therapy (DPT) Program has two specific articulations with the Health Sciences Program: 1) the Honors Program in Physical Therapy (HPPT) – a 6 year (3+3) year model (similar to the HPME – Honors Program in Medicine Program) consisting of undergraduate Honors coursework with a major in Health Sciences, followed by 3 years of graduate work in the School of Medicine, with the awarding of the BHS after the 4th year; and 2) the Pre-Physical Therapy Program, 4 year UG major in Health Sciences, with application to the DPT Program during the Senior Year.

Over the last 17 (1988-2005) graduation years, we have had success with recruitment of both Honors students and BHS students into our graduate PT program, with UM undergraduates accounting for 16-32% of each graduating class. The last two years have seen a significant decline – to 0% for the Class of 2007. We are not sure why this has happened, but we believe that the migration of this program to the School of Nursing will be a very positive move.

I have spoken with several faculty, as well as Dean Peragallo, and all involved in Nursing have addressed the needs and concerns of those of us in physical therapy. We look forward to working together closely with these students in a partnership with Nursing, and further believe that with the faculty of the School of Nursing's understanding of other health related professions, the ultimate goal of better serving all students can only be enhanced. We see this as a very positive move and therefore I support the migration of this degree program from the College of Arts and Sciences to the School of Nursing.

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