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MEMORANDUM

To: Donna E. Shalala, President

From: Richard L. Williamson
              Chair, Faculty Senate

Date: March 25, 2010

Subject: Faculty Senate Legislation #2009-20(B) – Name Change of the University of Miami
Miller School of Medicine *Department of Medical Library and Biomedical
Communications* to University of Miami Miller School of Medicine *Department of
Health Informatics*

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At its March 24, 2010 meeting, the Faculty Senate approved the proposal to change the name of
the University of Miami Miller School of Medicine *Department of Medical Library and
Biomedical Communications* to University of Miami Miller School of Medicine *Department of
Health Informatics.*

The proposal is enclosed for your reference.

This legislation is now forwarded to you for your action.
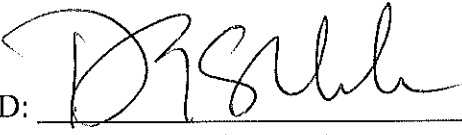
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Enclosure

cc: Thomas LeBlanc, Executive Vice President and Provost
       Norman Altman, Speaker, Medical School Faculty Council
       Mary Moore, Chair, Department of Medical Library and Biomedical Communication

CAPSULE: Faculty Senate Legislation #2009-20(B) – Name Change of the University of Miami Miller School of Medicine *Department of Medical Library and Biomedical Communications* to University of Miami Miller School of Medicine *Department of Health Informatics*

PRESIDENT'S RESPONSE

APPROVED: _____ DATE: 4|4|10

(President's Signature)

OFFICE OR INDIVIDUAL TO IMPLEMENT: PASCAL GOLDSchmiDT

EFFECTIVE DATE OF LEGISLATION: _____IMMEDIATELY_____

(if other than June 1 next following)

NOT APPROVED AND REFERRED TO: _____

REMARKS (IF NOT APPROVED):_____

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February 18, 2010

Professor Richard L. Williamson
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Dear Professor Williamson,

I write to request the Faculty Senate support changing the name of the University of Miami Miller School of Medicine *Department of Medical Library and Biomedical Communications* to the University of Miami Miller School of Medicine *Department of Health Informatics.*

The proposed name change would affect only the name of the academic department. It would not change the name of the Library building, which honors the donor (Louis Calder Memorial Library), nor would it alter the mission or structure of the department.

This proposal has the full support of all library faculty, was unanimously approved by the Medical School Council on January 26, 2009, and has been approved by the Dean of the Miller School of Medicine. Additionally, many others on the Gables and Medical Campuses are in favor of this change as indicated in the letters of support.

I would appreciate your consideration of this request. Please feel free to contact me should you have any questions or need additional information.

Best regards,

Norman Altman, V.M.D., CACVP
Speaker, Medical School Faculty Council

Enclosures:
Introductory Letter from Dr. Moore, Professor & Chair, Department of Medical Library and
    Biomedical Communications
Proposal
Letter of Support, Pascal J. Goldschmidt, M.D., Senior Vice President for Medical Affairs
    and Dean
Letter of Support, Medical Library Committee
Letter of Support, Medical Library Faculty
Letter of Support, Richard J. Bookman, Ph.D., Vice Provost for Research

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February 20, 2010

Norman H. Altman, D.V.M., DACVP
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Dear Dr. Altman,

Thank you so much for talking with me about the proposal to change our department name from the Department of Medical Library and Biomedical Communications to the Department of Health Informatics.

As described in the attached documentation, this change is necessary as we look to our future of providing resources, methods and education to advance informed healthcare decisions. The name change will help foster collaboration across the campuses, and make UM more competitive as we seek health informatics funding for education and research.

As indicated by the attachments, the proposal was unanimously supported by the faculty of the department, the Medical Library Committee and the School of Medicine Faculty Council, as well as being supported by the Dean. I am happy to include several letters of support from various colleges, departments, centers, and individuals who are affected and who can contribute to the renamed department's goal of collaboration.

Thank you again for your advice on the process for requesting this name change. I would be very grateful if you would take this proposal forward to the Faculty Senate for its consideration.

Sincerely yours,

Mary Moore

Mary Moore, PhD
Chair, Department of Medical Library and Biomedical Communication
Executive Director, Louis Calder Memorial Library

Proposal for Departmental Name Change

February 19, 2010

Background: *The Department of Medical Library* was founded at the time of the inception of the University of Miami School of Medicine in 1952 and the chief librarian was named Professor of Medical Bibliography. Almost thirty years later the Department of Medical Library was merged with the Department of Biomedical Communications to become the **Department of Library and Biomedical Communications Services,**[1] the name it bears today, and the chief librarian was named Chair. Faculty members in the Department have requested a name change to the *Department of Health Informatics* to reflect their present academic discipline.

The proposed change would affect only the name of the academic department. It would not change the name of the Library building, which honors the donor (Louis Calder Memorial Library) and will continue to provide medical library resources and services.

The first department of medical informatics in the United States is believed to have been founded at the University of Utah in 1964.[2] Other departments followed suit, and twenty years ago Greenes and Shortliffe published a highly cited article in the influential *Journal of the American Medical Association.*[3] The title all but summarizes the article: "Medical Informatics: An Emerging Academic Discipline and Institutional Priority." The authors made a convincing case in encouraging academic institutions to establish academic departments of medical informatics. Today, the American Medical Informatics Association lists over 104 teaching programs in health informatics.[4]

Definition of terms: Greenes and Shortliffe defined medical informatics as:

> ... the field that concerns itself with the cognitive, information processing, and communication tasks of medical practice, education, and research, including the information science and the technology to support these tasks. An intrinsically interdisciplinary field, medical informatics has a highly applied focus, but also addresses a number of fundamental research problems as well as planning and policy issues ...[3]

Stead wrote:

> Medical Informatics is a growing discipline, a multidisciplinary field ... By medical, we do not mean M.D., but all parts of the health-care arena: allied health; biological sciences; health-care facilities; health-services research; medical specialties; and nursing.[5]

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[1] Lemkau heads department. Newsletter from the Dean's Office, School of Medicine, University of Miami. 1980 May.

[2] Patton GA, Gardner RM. Medical informatics education: the University of Utah experience. J Am Med Inform Assoc. 1999 Nov-Dec; 6(6):457-465.

[3] Greenes RA, Shortliffe EH. Medical informatics: an emerging academic discipline and institutional priority. JAMA. 1990 Feb 23;263(8)114-120.

[4] American Medical Informatics Association. Informatics Academic & Training Programs [Internet]. Bethesda, MD: The Association [cited 8 Jan 2010]. <https://www.amia.org/informatics-academic-training-programs>

[5] Stead, WW. What is medical informatics? MD Comput. 1987;4(1):14-15.

One year later, Ball, Douglas and Lunin wrote " ... health informatics is being used to describe the field not specific to medicine, but supportive of the full spectrum of health sciences.[6]" More recently, Young (2000) identified that *healthcare informatics* combines information science, computer science, cognitive science and health sciences, with the goal of informing healthcare providers, expanding knowledge and delivering efficient, well-managed healthcare.[7]

Although there has been some confusion about terms in the past, the uncertainty was largely resolved twenty years ago. Common usage has evolved to a preference for the term *health informatics*, which refers to the study of the nature and management of health sciences information.[8]

Rationale: Currently the Department of Library and Biomedical Communications is the only University of Miami Miller School of Medicine department that is named for a place (library), rather than an academic discipline.

The Department's academic discipline is *health informatics*, which deals with the resources, devices and methods required to optimize the acquisition, storage, retrieval and use of information and knowledge in health and medicine. The many health informatics accomplishments, resources, teaching programs and research initiatives of Library faculty are not properly recognized by the existing department name. Additionally, the health informatics initiatives of faculty throughout the School of Medicine and UM are not supported by a department of health informatics and so may be less recognized by agencies such as NIH, for which health informatics is vital and an increasing funding opportunity.

It is appropriate to initiate the Department of Health Informatics in what has been the Department of Medical Library. Medical librarians have worked for decades to advance health informatics. The IAIMS (Integrated Academic Information Management Systems) report was jointly issued by Nina Matheson and John A.D. Cooper, respectively heads of the Medical Library Association and the Association of American Medical Colleges in 1982.[9] This report envisioned a future where every health database that could be connected, would be. Today the work that has been accomplished to connect electronic health records with evidence-based databases, electronic images, billing systems and more has come about because of the vision described in the IAIMS report. Most recently (2009) a librarian received the highest award of the American Medical Informatics Association.[10] Her work with metathesauri paved the way for the integration of electronic health records with scholarly research results. When we look to the health sciences libraries at Vanderbilt, Johns Hopkins, the University of New Mexico, State University of New York at Buffalo, the University of Oregon, Indiana, and many others, we see prime examples of librarian leadership in health informatics.

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[6] Ball MJ, Douglas JV, Lunin LF. Informatics and education in the health professions. J Am Soc Inf Sci. 1988 Sep;39(5):344-7.

[7] Young KM. Informatics for healthcare professionals. Philadelphia: Davis; 2000. 282 p.

[8] Shortliffe EH, Perreault LE. Medical informatics; computer applications in health care and biomedicine. 3d ed. New York: Springer; 2001. 854 p.

[9] Matheson N, Cooper JAD. Academic information in the academic health sciences center: roles for the library in information management. J Med Ed. 1982 Oct;57(10, pt 2):1-93.

[10] ACMI Gives Top Honor to NLM Deputy Director Betsy Humphreys [Internet]. Bethesda (MD): National Library of Medicine; 2009 Dec 9. Available from: http://www.nlm.nih.gov/news/acmi_award_humphreys.html/.

Ball, Douglas and Lunin wrote that the National Library of Medicine was a leader in encouraging and promoting informatics and informatics was identified as one of the Library's domains for long range planning. Almost half of the supplementary funding requested by the NLM in 1990 was to support informatics.[6] Informatics remains an important priority for the National Library of Medicine today, and academic health sciences libraries and their parent institutions nationwide have been influenced by the leadership of the NLM in health informatics. The National Library of Medicine is the primary funder of training, education and research in health informatics.

Although the activities of health informatics might take place in any of several areas at the University of Miami, it is most appropriate that such a department be established in the Medical Library. Our academic department supports equally the education, patient care, research and community programs and activities of all School of Medicine departments. The Library's *Collaboratory* (dedicated space with state of the art information technology and knowledge management support for group problem solving and decision making) is both space and also a symbol of the Library's dedication to fostering interdisciplinary inquiry. Alternatives would place Health Informatics within one department or another. The Library is the best choice to assure equitable representation and collaboration.

Library faculty members believe that having a name that is reflective of our academic discipline will help:

- Cement our role as educators, researchers and contributors to health informatics
- Strengthen our ability to teach relevant, contemporary classes that appeal to students
- Strengthen NIH proposals and our role in them
- Provide an academic home for appropriate faculty who may not fit easily into either clinical or basic sciences
- Facilitate recruitment of needed informaticians to support clinical care and research
- Motivate greater integration of librarians into health sciences education, research, and patient care
- Foster collaboration, with the potential to bring together faculty whose work reporting structure might be elsewhere

Actions:
- January 9, 2009: Inquiry made regarding process for departmental name changes
- February – May 2009: Medical Library faculty discussed possible names
- September 8, 2009: Medical Library faculty officially requested a change to its academic department name and arrived at two preferred options:
    1. The Department of Health Informatics
    2. The Department of Health Information Sciences
- September 24, 2009: The Library Chair and faculty presented alternative names to the Library Committee. The Library Committee discussed pros and cons and the conclusion was that the Committee supported either new name.
- October 13, 2009: Library faculty again met and identified the preference for the first choice, the Department of Health Informatics. A summary of the discussion follows:
    Health informatics deals with the resources, devices, and methods required to optimize the acquisition, storage, retrieval, and use of information and knowledge in health and medicine. This choice was selected because it is more reflective of NIH initiatives, is used by forward-looking libraries, and is more future oriented. It allows the School of Medicine to develop a transdisciplinary teaching and research program that can advance our goals and help make us more competitive. Additionally, Health

Informatics was found preferable to Health Information Science because information sciences are concerned with gathering, manipulating, storing, retrieving, and classifying recorded information and do not include knowledge capture, which is what the Library Division of Biomedical Communications currently performs. Further, the committee felt the term "health information sciences" might be confused with "medical information technology (MIT).

- October 13, 2009: The Chair met with the Dean and presented results of the deliberations. The Dean indicated preference for the name, "The Department of Health Informatics."
- October 29, 2009: The proposal was summarized in an email to the Dean, with a request to present the proposal to the Medical School Council.
- December 3, 2009: At the Library update of the Dean's Operational Leadership Group meeting, the Medical Library Chair reported that the library was seeking a name for our academic department that was more reflective of our academic discipline.
- January 12, 2009: Proposal was first presented to the Medical School Council.
- January 26, 2009: Proposal was unanimously approved by the Medical School Council.

Business costs for change: There should be no substantial costs associated with this name change, as the name of the Library will remain the same and other changes can be made electronically. No signs are needed. Business cards or stationary would be changed when new supplies are needed. A Web page would be established using currently available resources with no additional charges. A request to change the name on the Miller School of Medicine Web page would be made. No new positions are requested at this time. No funding for joint appointments is anticipated at this time. No renovations are required.

Letters of support: Letters of support are presented from the Speaker of the Faculty Council, the faculty of the Department of Library and Biomedical Communications, the Dean of the Miller School of Medicine, the Vice-Provost for Research, the members of the Medical Library Committee of the Faculty Council, the Chair of the Medical Faculty Council, and key individuals who are supportive of this change.

Addendum
March 12, 2010

At the March 10, 2010 meeting of the Faculty Senate General Welfare Committee, a senator asked how medical librarians felt about this proposal, since they would need to take on new roles in teaching and research.

Response: This would not be a change, as most medical librarians already teach and conduct research. Because the role of medical librarians in teaching and research may not be obvious to all, some examples follow.

Teaching: Most UM Miller School of Medicine medical librarians have taught as part of medical curriculum, in training courses, continuing education and tutorials. Each of the three librarians who teach sections in the Resident Scholarly Activity Program has received The Resident Choice Award for teaching. Librarians have taught in the areas of evidence-based medicine; resources for clinical decision making; management information systems; computer applications in medicine; knowledge management; competitive intelligence; text mining and cluster analysis; measuring scholarly impact; telemedicine; and artificial intelligence among other topics.

Research and Evaluation: UM Miller School librarians have conducted research on diffusion of innovation in the adaption of medical information technologies; analysis of outcomes from creating a natural language bot (Native Minds); analysis of a customer service database (Siebel) for new product and program suggestions for the NIH/National Library of Medicine (NLM); applying PubMed's related concepts algorithm to mine other full text databases (The conversation with the GWC regarded whether this type of algorithm could be applied to EPIC electronic health records, which will be administered by the UMMG Executive Office, to find patients with similar constellations of rare symptoms. This is conceivable but not yet attempted.); qualitative analysis of failed medical searches in MedlinePlus; cost benefit studies across multiple telemedicine programs; and many other topics. Extramural funding to support library research efforts has been obtained from the NIH/NLM, DHHS, Southwestern Bell, AT&T and others.

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Pascal J. Goldschmidt, M.D., FACC
Senior Vice President for Medical Affairs and Dean
Chief Executive Officer
University of Miami Health System

February 11, 2010

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Professor and Director
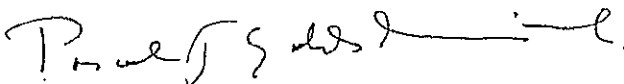Division of Comparative Pathology

Dear Dr. Altman:

I am writing in support of the request for a departmental name change from the Department of Medical Library and Biomedical Communications to the Department of Health Informatics. As indicated at the recent Faculty Council held on January 26, 2010, I am in support of this request. At that meeting the great support of the Faculty Council was indicated by the unanimous positive vote.

The name change will benefit the University in many ways. It will foster teaching and research programs that are contemporary, attractive to students and needed for modern healthcare. It will help us to be more competitive, as more and more funding has become available through the NIH for health informatics teaching and research programs. In addition, it will provide an "academic home" for those working in the field of health informatics.

The vision for the department is that it will expand beyond library faculty to pave the way for broader collaboration of those working in health informatics. I understand that several of these individuals have come together at a recent planning meeting, where they talked about actions to help achieve the vision for the new Department of Health informatics. Their letter of support is also presented in this package.

I would appreciate your consideration of this proposal. Please contact me should you have any questions or need additional information.

Best regards,

Pascal J. Goldschmidt, M.D.
Senior Vice President for Medical Affairs and Dean
Chief Executive Officer, University of Miami Health System

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February 11, 2010

Dear Dr. Altman,

We serve on the Medical Library Committee as designated by the Faculty Council of the University of Miami Miller School of Medicine. At the September 24, 2009 meeting of the Medical Library Committee, we were asked to consider a name change for the Department of Medical Library and Biomedical Communications. We voted unanimously to endorse a name change for Department, including a change to the name "Department of Health Informatics." We are therefore supportive of the recent action by the Medical School Faculty Council and indicate our support for the name change to the Department of Health Informatics with our signatures below:

MEDICAL LIBRARY COMMITTEE

Dr. Atwar Krishan
Chair

Dr. Kenneth Mueller
Co-Chair

(Dr. Jayanthi Cherala)

(Uygor Leonete)

(STUTI DANG)

(Donna Lurdey)

(Carl Schulman)

(CARL Eisdorfer)

(Igal Nevo)

(Jonell Potter)

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February 12, 2010

Norman Altman, V.M.D., CACVP
Speaker, Medical School Faculty Council
Professor and Director
Division of Comparative Pathology

Dear Dr. Altman:

We are writing to indicate our support for the name change of our academic department from the Department of Medical Library and Biomedical Communications. We have been discussing the need for a name change for some time. We feel this is extremely necessary because the current name (1) does not reflect our academic discipline; (2) may lead to misperceptions that undervalue our contributions in medical teaching and research; (3) seems grammatically awkward; and (4) is now inaccurate because the department includes multiple libraries, new information centers and new services that are not reflected by either "library" or "biomedical communications."

The proposed name, Department of Health Informatics, is much more forward thinking and uses terminology familiar to those working in our discipline. The National Library of Medicine has long provided support for teaching programs in health informatics, although none of these awards have come to Florida medical schools, perhaps because Florida medical schools have had no such departments.
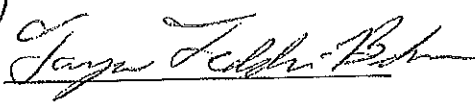
It is fitting and appropriate that librarians seek this change. We have long been leaders in health informatics, dating from the joint release in 1983 of the IAIMS (Integrated Academic Information Management System) Report, jointly issued by the Medical Library Association and the Association of American Medical Colleges. It is significant that the highest award of the American Medical Informatics Association was bestowed this year on a masters-degreed librarian, notably for her work in disseminating health sciences vocabularies and metadata.
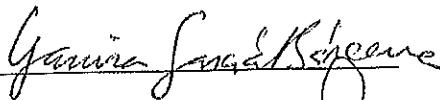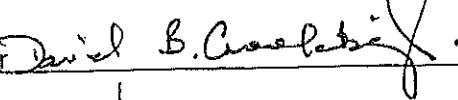
We are excited about the potential of this departmental name change to help focus and promote university collaborative efforts in health informatics. We look forward to welcoming other university faculty working in health informatics into the department, and we look forward to strengthening our contributions to health informatics teaching and research.

All faculty members in the Department indicate their support of this proposal with their signatures below:
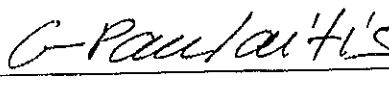
Suzetta Burrows, Associate Professor _____

Tanya Feddern-Bekcan, Librarian Assistant Professor _____

Yanira Garcia-Barcena, Librarian Assistant Professor _____
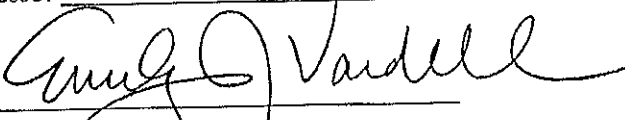
David Goolabsingh, Adjunct Assistant Professor _____

Mary Moore, PhD, Librarian Professor _____

Gediminas Paulaitis, Librarian Assistant Professor _____

Erica Powell, Adjunct Assistant Professor _____

Vedana Vaidhyanathan, Librarian Assistant Professor _____

Emily Vardell, Librarian Assistant Professor _____

Carmen Bou-Crick, Librarian Assistant Professor _____

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February 19, 2010

Mary Moore, PhD
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Dear Dr. Moore,

It is with pleasure that I lend my full support to the establishment of the Department of Health Informatics, and the proposed name change from the Department of Medical Library and Biomedical Informatics.

One of the many goals of the Office of Research is promoting the development and implementation of instructional resources and programs. This initiative would complement many of these programs, facilitate interdisciplinary collaboration, and support our goals, such as a certificate program in health informatics. Additionally, this initiative will facilitate increased opportunities for obtaining extramural funds to support informatics research and training.

The development of a Department of Health Informatics will further strengthen existing partnerships within the University of Miami and provide new opportunities for increased collaboration on health informatics much needed in the areas of medical education and research.

I am enthusiastic about the opportunities that a Health Informatics Department would provide for the University of Miami and congratulate you for initiating the necessary steps to accomplish this vision for our institution.

Sincerely,

Richard J. Bookman, PhD
Vice Provost for Research

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Laurence B. Gardner, M.D.
Executive Dean for Education and Policy

February 25, 2010

Mary Moore, Ph.D.
Chair, Department of Medical Library and Biomedical Communication
Executive Director, Louis Calder Memorial Library

Dear Dr. Moore,

It is with great enthusiasm that on behalf of the medical education enterprise at the Miller School of Medicine, I strongly support the proposed name change for the Department of Medical Library and Biomedical Infomatic to the Department of Health Infomatic. It has become clear, especially since your arrival, that the role of your department has become broader in support of medical education particularly and is now focused far more on the science of medical informatics than has been traditionally been the case.

On behalf of Undergraduate Medical Education, Graduate Medical Education and Postgraduate Medical Education you have our full and unqualified support for this change.

Sincerely,

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February 18, 2010

Mary Moore, PhD
Chair, Department of Medical Library and Biomedical Communications
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Dear Dr. Moore (Mary):

Like you, several of our researchers have been members of the American Medical Informatics Association for some time. We have watched as others have established health informatics educational and research programs and obtained federal funding for those activities. While many of UM's health informatics efforts have been successful, UM may not have had the same kind of national presence in health informatics that some other academic health sciences universities have enjoyed. I believe that the vision for our Department of Health Informatics will help UM achieve more visibility, but more importantly, it should ultimately help us serve patients even better.

As Chief Medical Officer of the Sylvester Comprehensive Cancer Center and the University of Miami Hospitals and Clinics, it is extremely important to make evidence-based practice information readily available to cancer physicians and clinical researchers. I am extremely interested in electronically linking high quality information to the electronic health record and measuring the impact of use of this information in health outcomes. As you know, you and I will soon be meeting with others working in health informatics to explore potential for this type of health informatics collaboration and more. The establishment of a Department for Health Informatics will help being together individuals with similar interests and spur us to pursue joint projects, funding, and educational opportunities. I look forward to a productive future that will benefit the health of the South Florida community.

Sincerely yours,

W. Jarrard Goodwin, M.D.
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Dear Dr. Altman:

I received information from Dr. Moore regarding the proposal for a name change for her department to the Department of Health Informatics. I am writing to indicate my support for this change.

We have a vibrant faculty who publish textbooks and research articles and participate in other scholarly pursuits. The librarians at Calder have been integral as they have provided individualized consultations on the use of new and complex databases. They have taught about tools for conducting systematic analysis of scholarly literature and guest lectured for our research course and faculty retreat in the past. The new name reflects even greater opportunities for collaborations in research and teaching in the field of health informatics.

I am glad to support this evolution of the department.

Sincerely yours,

Sherrill H. Hayes, PhD, PT
Professor and Chair
Department of Physical Therapy, Miller School of Medicine

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Dear Dr. Altman,

Anesthesiology was one of the first disciplines in medicine to apply information technology to help practitioners make informed decisions. For many years we have had an electronic health record, and we are taking a leadership role in advising on the implementation of the university-wide electronic health record, EPIC.

I recently spoke with Dr. Mary Moore about linking decision support resources to the electronic record. At the time, she told me of the proposal to reconfigure the Department of Medical Library as the Department of Health Informatics, which sounded promising. I asked her to keep me informed. Since that time, Dr. Michael Vigoda of our department has met with her and others who are active in health informatics, to discuss strategic planning and an advisory council.

I am writing to indicate my support for renaming the Department of Medical Library to the Department of Health Informatics. I believe this refocused department will have the potential to bring together health informatics researchers and educators, and to give the University of Miami the informatics presence that it well deserves.

With the upcoming UChart implementation, we are poised to begin a new era at UM where we can use electronic data to guide research efforts as well as improving our healthcare delivery. We enthusiastically endorse Dr. Moore's vision of having a meeting place where researchers and clinical faculty can focus on informatics.

Sincerely yours,

David A. Lubarsky, MD, MBA
Emanuel M. Papper Professor and Chair
Sr. Associate Dean,
Quality, Safety, and Risk Prevention
Assistant Vice-President for Medical Administration

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Perioperative Medicine and Pain Management
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Michael Vigoda MD MBA
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February 19, 2010

Dr. Norman Altman
Speaker, Medical School Council
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Dear Dr. Altman:

I recently learned of the school-wide efforts to join together to support a Department of Health Informatics. This is of interest to me because I am aware that at my previous institution, Emory University, the health sciences library is also proposing a name change to Health Informatics. I would like to add my voice to those in favor of creating such a department with the purpose of fostering research and educational collaboration, and making the University of Miami and the Leonard M. Miller School of Medicine more competitive for health informatics funding.
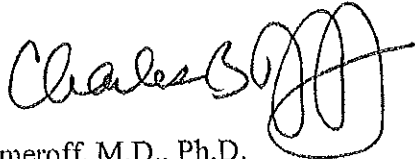
There are currently several faculty members in the Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences who are applying technology to their clinical and community-based research. These include major initiatives in AIDS research, aging, mood disorders, post-traumatic stress disorder, and drug abuse. It will be of considerable benefit to our faculty to have a department where they can interact with other health informaticians and informatics researchers throughout the University of Miami. I understand that the new department would be recruiting new faculty and bringing some leaders in health informatics to our campus. This will be beneficial to all.

The current Medical Library and Biomedical Communications Department is well-positioned to recognize and support faculty members working in health informatics in diverse disciplines and foster collaborations for new health informatics educational programs and research activities. Miller School librarians are known to have a good track record of working beyond the confines of what is typically considered library activity. I understand that librarians created the first database for those affected by HIV/AIDS that directed them toward support groups, clinical trials and new research. Currently librarians are teaching classes on clinical decision tools and evidence-based medical resources. They have conducted research in telemedicine functionality for diagnostic care, health literacy and in usability of consumer health Web resources. These are only a few examples of their work in informatics.

Dr. Norman Altman
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Working together with other faculty members in health informatics, we should see more innovative initiatives from this expanded department. I fully support its name change to the Department of Health Informatics.

Sincerely,

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José Szapocznik, Ph.D.
Chair

February 17, 2010

Mary Moore, PhD
Chair, Department of Medical Library and Biomedical Communications
University of Miami Miller School of Medicine

Dear Dr. Moore,

As Associate Dean for Translational Research and Community Development and leader of University of Miami Clinical and Translational Science Institute (CTSI) initiative, this letter is to express my utmost enthusiasm and support for the proposed name change from the "Department of Medical Library and Biomedical Informatics" to "Department of Health Informatics". This change is exactly aligned with CTSI and our university-wide efforts to revolutionize the way University of Miami does clinical and translational research.

Fundamental to our ability to perform cutting edge clinical and translational research is the ability to access the information and knowledge from which we support and build our science, and subsequently disseminate our research findings. Your proposed name change to "Department of Health Informatics" is exactly the transformation we require at the University of Miami to reframe and re-conceptualize the very important science of developing resources, devices and methods that optimize acquisition, storage, retrieval, and use of health and medicine information and knowledge to dynamically support clinical and translational research.

Additionally, informatics-based resources provide the potential for collaboration and interconnectivity which the CTSI strives to cultivate. Symbolically and in practice, a library and its functions provide a meeting place for inquiry which takes no preference to discipline or department and is a natural place for connections to take place. A cornerstone in all missions of the University, from education to patient care to research and community programs, the library pieces the parts of translational research from bench to bedside to community.

I support you in this very timely change that will enable your department to fulfill its modernized and integral role in our medical school.

Best regards,

José Szapocznik, Ph.D., Professor and Chair
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David Seo, M.D.
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February 22, 2010

Mary Moore, PhD
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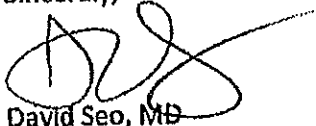University of Miami Miller School of Medicine
Miami, FL 33101

Dear Dr. Moore,

This letter is written in strong support of your request to change the name of the Department of Library and Biomedical Communications to the Department of Health Informatics. The current name does not reflect the true academic activities and potential of your department. The name results from a series of historical events and must be updated to match the modern academic realities of our Medical School.

Your request is timely given our recent substantial efforts to promote clinical and research informatics on the Medical School campus. Having a Department of Informatics would provide much needed umbrella support and home for these activities. As you know, I am one of the Medical Directors for Clinical Informatics and am involved in the implementation of our enterprise-wide electronic health record. In particular, I am working on leveraging the electronic health record for research purposes. Also, over the past three years as Director of the Genomic Medicine Registry, my group has been enabling individuals and groups on campus to build enterprise level databases for tissue banking and registry studies. With the information collected over the past several years as well as the wealth of new information made available through the electronic health record, we are now poised to initiate substantial informatics research projects. You department, particularly with the change in name, would provide a perfect home for these activities.

I strongly support the name change that you are proposing and hope to be an active researcher in the new Department of Health Informatics.

Sincerely,

David Seo, MD
Associate Professor of Medicine
Cardiovascular Division
Medical Director of Clinical Informatics
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Moore, Mary

Subject: FW: Letter of support re Department of Heath Informatics

From: Rohrer, Bradley
Sent: Wednesday, February 24, 2010 9:11 AM
To: Moore, Mary
Subject: Letter of support re Department of Heath Informatics

Mary,

I definitely would be interested in supporting the change to Department of Health Informatics. I would be willing to donate my own time to assist in the ongoing support of this endeavor as well as departmental resources from Medical IT.

Most recently Medical IT has:

1. Managed the integration of infrastructure for our acute care hospital acquisition, UMH.
2. Deployed infrastructure to implement Cerner at JMH in a vendor hosted model.
3. Deployed infrastructure to implement Epic at UM in a client hosted model.
4. Provided support and management of hardware utilized by supercomputing services for the entire University (CCS).
5. Provided support and management of hardware utilized by Telehealth initiatives ranging from local to international.

Additionally, we are embarking on Identity Management and Information Lifecycle Management projects. These strategic endeavors have to satisfy the needs of our clinical, research, academic and administrative customers.

Medical IT's role at the School of Medicine offers experience that can be a beneficial resource for the Department of Health Informatics to draw from.

Thank you.

Brad Rohrer
Executive director
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February 18, 2010

Mary Moore, PhD
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Dear Mary:

I was delighted to learn that you have proceeded with the establishment of a department of health informatics thereby changing the name of the Department of Medical Library and Biomedical Informatics to the Department of Health Informatics. This would seem to better reflect the current academic discipline of the faculty in your department, insofar as your department deals with the methods, devices and resources needed to optimize the acquisition, storage, retrieval and use of information in health and medicine. The department also provides an important focus for integrating information based upon education, patient care, research and community outreach. Please add my name and the Behavioral Medicine Research Center to the list of supporters advocating a name change from Department of Library and Medical Communications to Department of Health Informatics. I think that it will be helpful in our collaborations with your group and in our seeking new NIH extramural funds.

Yours sincerely,

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February 16, 2010

Mary Moore, PhD
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Dear Dr. Moore,

I am pleased to send this letter in support of the reinvention of the Department of Medical Library as the Department of Health Informatics.

As we talked about at the recent strategic planning meeting, it is important for the University of Miami to have an organized presence in health informatics. This will make it possible for many faculty members in many different departments to share ideas, tools, resources and services to support health informatics. The NIH and NLM will be more likely to see us as competitive for available funding for health informatics with the development of such a department. We can also come together to establish needed certificate and continuing education programs to advance health informatics.

I have enjoyed working together with you as we co-chair the Biomedical Informatics component of the University's Clinical and Translational Science application to the NIH. Your work in drafting our section's application and in creating the wireframe of the virtual CTSA have demonstrated commitment to working with others across the medical school, the university and in partner institutions. This respect for diverse interests will help the new department meet its vision of collaboration.

There are many individuals for whom it would be appropriate to seek a faculty appointment in the Department of Health Informatics. One example that comes to mind is an individual in CS who is working on research in medical ontologies and the semantic Web. Although it is possible to find other departments who might grant this individual a faculty appointment, the new Department of Health Informatics would be the most logical choice for him, given the nature of his field of research.

I look forward to working with you and the other faculty members who have already indicated their interest in this joint endeavor.

Sincerely,

Nicholas Tsinoremas, PhD

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March 2, 2010

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Re: Letter of Support for conversion to Department of Health Informatics

Dear Dr. Altman,

We enjoyed talking with you today. We are writing to offer our support in the conversion of the Department of Medical Library and Biomedical Communications to the more inclusive and accurate name, the Department of Health Informatics. We have read the position paper and we are in agreement with the reasoning.

Collaborative research centers and appointments between RSMS and the Miller School such as our NSF NIEHS Oceans and Human Health Center at the University of Miami have been essential for us to pursue research and teaching in our areas of proficiency. We understand how the proposed model would be appropriate for the new department of Health Informatics and how such a model can foster innovation and academic excellence across UM colleges, departments, divisions, centers and institutes.
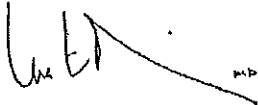
As you know, the University of Miami Oceans and Human Health Center is one of four Centers created by the National Science Foundation and the National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences. With its collaborators, the University of Miami Oceans and Human Health Center focuses on issues relevant to the Southeastern US and Caribbean, as well as global Sub/Tropical areas worldwide, to integrate interdisciplinary research between biomedical and oceanographic scientists. Oceans and Human Health Center includes two Research Projects concerning Harmful Algal Blooms (HABs), functional genomics, NSF-funded oceanography, and remote sensing. In addition, the Center explores the relationship between microbial indicators and human health effects in sub/tropical recreational marine waters. To accomplish this research program in subtropical/tropical oceans and human health, the Center collaborates with interdisciplinary scientists at Florida International University (FIU), NOAA Southeast AOML, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), the Miami Dade County Dept of Health, the University of Florida, Nova Southeastern University, and other institutions, as well as other Oceans and Human Health Centers and researchers. We also have an active NSF REU program for research for undergraduates as well as research training opportunities for graduate students and Post Docs. The ultimate goals of the Oceans and Human Health Center of the University of Miami are to foster innovative interdisciplinary scientific research, and to train scientists in the

biological and oceanographic sciences concerning issues affecting the subtropical and tropical oceans, and their human populations.

Please keep us informed about how planning progresses, as there are many opportunities for cooperative research between our NSF NIEHS Oceans and Human Health Center, the Medical School, RSMAS, and the proposed Department of Health Informatics.

Sincerely yours,

Sincerely,

Lora E. Fleming, MD PhD MPH MSc
Co Director and Professor
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March 2, 2010

Mary Moore, PhD
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   Biomedical Communications
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Dear Dr. Moore:

It is with great pleasure that I lend my support to the proposed name change from the "Department of Medical Library and Biomedical Informatics" to "Department of Health Informatics."

The Health Economics Research Group has collaborations with several colleagues at the School of Medicine and we feel that this change will expand the potential for these collaborations. In addition, the establishment of such a department is very important to the University because of the recent NIH/HHS initiatives in health informatics. It is evident that the University must take steps to improve its position relating to health information technology.

I am enthusiastic about the opportunities that such a department would provide to the University of Miami and that will help your department to fulfill its modernized and integral role within the University community.

Sincerely,

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Moore, Mary

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Sent: Monday, February 22, 2010 2:55 PM
To: Moore, Mary
Subject: Re: Opportunities for collaboration? UM Miller School Department of Heath Informatics
             proposal

Dear Dr. Moore:

I am sorry for not responding sooner; I was away at a conference.
I am, of course, very much in support of the proposed name change.
Health Informatics is an important fast-moving area with strong ties to computer science. Our
department would welcome the opportunity to forge strong new ties with your department.
Please let me know if I can be of any further assistance.

Regards,

Huseyin Kocak
Professor and Chair
Department of Computer Science.

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February 12, 2010

Dear Dr. Moore,

As the Chair of the department of Electrical and Computer Engineering. I am glad to support the name change of your department to the Department of Health Informatics.

As you know, the College of Engineering has had many productive partnerships. Our faculty collaborate on biomedical research projects with colleagues at the School of Medicine and is represented on the Biomedical Informatics Component Advisory Panel of the Clinical and Translational Science initiative, co-chaired by Dr. Tsinoremas and you.

I, personally have been active in the area of biometrics: face recognition, ear recognition and human recognition from dental X-ray images. This research has been funded by NSF, NIJ and DOD. I collaborate with the School of Nursing and Psychology and this new collaboration with the Department of Health Informatics holds much promise.

I would be glad to serve in an advisory role regarding collaborative efforts with the new Department of Health Informatics.

Best regards,

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Feb. 18, 2009

Dear Dr. Moore,

It is with great pleasure that I support the proposed name change for the Department of Medical Library & Biomedical Informatics to the Department of Health Informatics. With the continued changes in health technology and the need to reflect the importance of our collaborative efforts, the proposed name change for the department is consistent with the changes that reflect the integration of the health sciences. I fully support you and your faculty efforts.

Sincerely,

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February 19, 2010

Mary Moore, Ph.D.
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University of Miami Miller School of Medicine

Dear Dr. Moore,

The University of Miami Miller School of Medicine has for _decades_ adopted a wise and progressive stance toward the role of health information technology in medical and scientific education and in clinical practice and research.

Recent developments – not least the extraordinary emphasis assigned to health informatics as part of the American Reinvestment and Recovery Act (ARRA) and the Health Information Technology for Economic and Clinical Health (HITECH) Act – make clear that UM must take a number of steps to maintain and improve its position related to health information technology.

The renaming of our library to the "Department of Health Informatics" and, moreover, supporting this entity to assume a leadership role in education, patient care and research seem to me to be essential to this process.
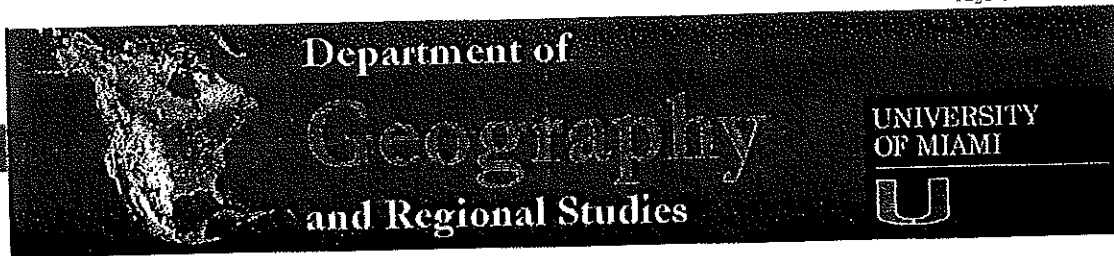
As you know, UM has long been recognized as a leader in addressing ethical, legal and social issues related to health information technology, and so I hope to be forgiven for urging that these issues be given appropriate prominence in the evolution of our new department. You know you can count on me and the Ethics Programs to ensure we retain our leadership role in this important part of health informatics.

In sum, I enthusiastically support the name change and associated measures to ensure a strong and vibrant department. Please let me know how I can contribute to the process.

Sincerely,

Kenneth W. Goodman, Ph.D.
Fellow, American College of Medical Informatics
Professor of Medicine
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Chair, Ethics Committee, American Medical Informatics Association

Department of
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Dear Drs. Altman and Moore:

I am writing to convey support for the proposed Department of Health Informatics. The position paper is intriguing and presents a strong case for a new Department. In Geography, we have a deep appreciation for the management and analysis of large spatial data sets. Our experience has led to successful collaborations between Geography and the Miller School in the area of GIS and vector-borne diseases. The proposed Department of Health Informatics to will help to promote further collaboration and has great promise.

I hope you will consider inviting an expert working in GIS and medicine to the strategic planning session for the new department. I look forward to talking with you further about possible collaborative projects.

I wish you the best with your proposal.

Sincerely yours,

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March 1, 2010

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Dear Dr. Moore,

I am pleased to add my support of the renaming of the Department of Medical Library and Biomedical Communications to the Department of Health Informatics. This name change is timely and reflects recent and significant efforts to promote clinical and research informatics within the University's Medical School.

Additionally, the proposed name, Department of Health Informatics, lends credence to the vision for the future of this department and more accurately reflects this discipline's current status. It is critical that we continue to move forward with the ability to access information and knowledge as it relates to the building of the sciences, while also providing the increased potential for informatics-based resources to allow for more broad interconnectivity and collaboration. This is the responsibility of the Medical School's library system and I agree that the name change is supportive of this effort.

I wholeheartedly support this timely change that will enable your department to move toward the future.

Sincerely,

Roni Avissar
Professor and Dean

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Bart Chernow, M.D., MACP, Master FCCP
Vice President for Special Programs and Resource Strategy
Vice Provost of Technology Advancement and
Professor of Medicine and Anesthesiology

March 8, 2010

Mary Moore, PhD
Chair, Department of Medical Library and Biomedical Communications
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Dear Dr. Moore,

It is with great pleasure and enthusiasm that I write this letter lending my full support for the proposed name change from the "Department of Medical Library and Biomedical Informatics" to "Department of Health Informatics". This change is fundamental to building our research, in obtaining new NIH extramural funds, as well as in the dissemination of information to a broader scope of faculty and researchers working in health informatics.

As the University's Vice Provost for Technology Advancement and Vice President of Special Programs and Resource Strategy, I am responsible for technology transfer as the Director of UM Innovation. In this role, I can appreciate the necessity of providing adequate access to resources that will optimize the acquisition of health and medical information; thereby, facilitating the success of our goals which include the assurance that scientific and technological developments are accessible to a wider range of users who can then further develop and exploit the information into new technology of products, processes, applications, materials or services. Additionally, this initiative will promote interdisciplinary and university-wide collaboration, facilitating the propagation and development of innovative research and technology transfer.

Be assured that you can count on my continued support upon the approval of the proposal, and I look forward to assisting with the strategic planning effort for your new department.

Sincerely,

Bart Chernow, M.D., MACP

Moore, Mary

To: Moore, Mary
Subject: FW: Dept of Health Informatics - support letter?

From: Jaffer, Amir
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To: Moore, Mary
Cc: Moro, Marla T.
Subject: RE: Dept of Health Informatics - support letter?

Hi Mary,
I would support this proposed change and would like to be involved in the strategic planning of such a department.
Let me know how I can help.

Thanks

Amir

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March 1, 2010

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March 11, 2010

Norman H. Altman, V.M.D., DACVP
Speaker, Medical School Faculty Council
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Dear Dr. Altman –

After having reviewed the proposal for changing the name of the Department of Medical Library and Biomedical Communications to the Department of Health Informatics, I can say that I support that change. The name change reflects current and future directions in health informatics. This change, and the direction it portends, should further efforts at building meaningful relationship within the University of Miami and provide even more opportunities for collaboration in research and education. I enthusiastically support this action.

Sincerely,

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