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MEMORANDUM

To: Donna E. Shalala, President

From: Richard L. Williamson
Chair, Faculty Senate

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Richard L. Williamson'.

Date: March 22, 2013

Subject: Faculty Senate Legislation #2012-28(B) –Name Change of the Department of Epidemiology and Public Health *to* Department of Public Health Sciences in the Miller School of Medicine

At its March 20, 2013 meeting, the Faculty Senate unanimously approved the proposal to change the name of the University of Miami Miller School of Medicine Department of Epidemiology and Public Health *to* the University of Miami Miller School of Medicine Department of Public Health Sciences.

This name change only effects the name of the academic department, the mission and the structure of the department do not change. As noted in the proposal, the name change better represents the diversity of faculty and students in the department which is comprised of epidemiologist, biostatisticians and methodologists, health services researchers, environmental health scientists and prevention scientists.

This legislation is now forwarded to you for your action.


RW/rh

Enclosure

cc: Thomas LeBlanc, Executive Vice President and Provost
Pascal Goldschmidt, Sr. Vice President for Medical Affairs and Dean
José Szapocznik, Presenter, Professor and Chair, Department of Epidemiology and Public Health

CAPSULE: Faculty Senate Legislation #2012-28(B) –Name Change of the Department of Epidemiology and Public Health to Department of Public Health Sciences in the Miller School of Medicine

PRESIDENT’S RESPONSE

APPROVED:  DATE: 3/28/13
(President’s Signature)

OFFICE OR INDIVIDUAL TO IMPLEMENT: DEAN 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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MILLER SCHOOL
of MEDICINE

January 16, 2013

Richard Williamson, J.D.
Chair, Faculty Senate
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Dear Dr. Williamson:

I am writing to request the support of the Faculty Senate in changing the name of the University of Miami Miller School of Medicine's *Department of Epidemiology and Public Health* to the University of Miami Miller School of Medicine's *Department of Public Health Sciences*.

The proposed change would only effect the name of the academic department. It would not change the mission or the structure of the department. It also does not result in undue overlap with other departments and schools.

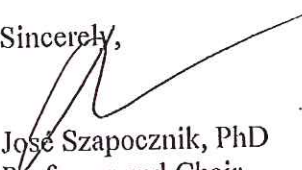
The Department of Epidemiology and Public Health has established five divisions: Epidemiology, Biostatistics, Health Services Research & Policy, Environment & Public Health, and Prevention Science and Community Health. These divisions were established to create cohesive groups of faculty by interest and to better organize our educational responsibilities which includes doctoral programs in biostatistics and in epidemiology, a master's of science in biostatistics, master's in public health and master's of science in public health, the latter two with specializations that correspond to the five divisions.

The name change better represents the diversity of faculty in the department which is comprised of epidemiologists, biostatisticians and methodologists, health services researchers, environmental health scientists and prevention scientists. There is similar diversity of interest among our MPH students.

This proposal has the full support of all department faculty, who voted unanimously to approve the name change on October 18, 2012.

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

Sincerely,



José Szapocznik, PhD
Professor and Chair,
Department of Epidemiology and Public Health

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To: Richard L. Williamson, J.D.
Chair, Faculty Senate

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

Date: January 10, 2013

PJG

Subject: Support for the Proposed Department of Epidemiology & Public Health Name Change

I am writing in support of changing the name of the University of Miami Miller School of Medicine's *Department of Epidemiology and Public Health* to the University of Miami Miller School Of Medicine's *Department of Public Health Sciences*.

The name change will benefit the University in a number of ways. It will provide a more appropriate home for faculty and students with a diversity of public health interests. It will also help us be more competitive in recruiting faculty and students. Such a name change is consistent with industry standards.

I would appreciate your consideration of this proposal. Please contact me if you need additional information.

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February 21, 2013

Professor Richard Williamson
Chair, Faculty Senate
University of Miami

Dear Professor Williamson,

This is to inform the Faculty Senate that the Medical School Faculty Council met on February 12, 2013 to review the departmental name change for the *Department of Epidemiology and Public Health*, presented by Dr. Jose Szapocznik.

It was proposed that the *Department of Epidemiology and Public Health* now be named the University of Miami Miller School of Medicine's *Department of Public Health Sciences*. The name change has the unanimous support of the department faculty.

The name change would better reflect the department's diversity and would not compromise the original mission and structure of the department.

The Council members discussed the name change in detail and voted to unanimously approve it.

Respectfully Submitted,

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



TO: FACULTY SENATE

FROM: NILDA (NENA) PERAGALLO MONTANO, DEAN
SCHOOL OF NURSING AND HEALTH STUDIES

DATE: MARCH 11, 2013

RE: NAME CHANGE FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF EPIDEMIOLOGY
AND PUBLIC HEALTH

This memo is written to indicate that the School of Nursing and Health Studies has no objection to the request from the Department of Epidemiology and Public Health to change its name to the "Department of Public Health Sciences". We have read and understand the reasons provided by Dr. Jose Szapocznik for the requested change in his communication to us dated March 7, 2013.

It is understood that the Bachelors of Science in Public Health will remain with the School of Nursing and Health Studies.

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March 10, 2013

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Professor & Chair, Department of Epidemiology & Public Health
Professor of Architecture, Psychology, and Educational Research & Counseling
Psychology
Director, Miami Clinical Translational Science Institute
Director, Center for Family Studies

Dear Professor Szapocznik,

I'm writing to convey the support of our school for the name change in your Department from Epidemiology and Public Health to Department of Public Health Sciences. We have no objections to the change. We understand the rationale behind it and support it. Let me use this opportunity to congratulate you and your colleagues on the progress you are making to address issues of national importance regarding health and community well-being.

All the best,

Isaac Prilleltensky
Dean and Professor



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