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MEMORANDUM

To: Donna E. Shalala, President

From: Richard L. Williamson
Chair, Faculty Senate

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Date: September 27, 2013

Subject: Faculty Senate Legislation #2013-06(B) – Name Change of the Department of Rehabilitation Medicine TO the Department of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation (in the Miller School of Medicine)

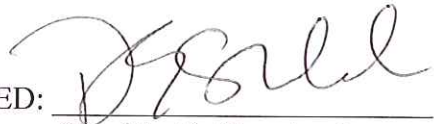
At its September 25, 2013 meeting, the Faculty Senate unanimously approved the proposal to change the name of the Miller School of Medicine Department of Rehabilitation Medicine to the Miller School of Medicine *Department of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation*. The name change is consistent with other departments across the country and will bring our department in line with others in their specialty.

RLW/rh

Enclosure

cc: Thomas LeBlanc, Executive Vice President and Provost
Pascal Goldschmidt, Dean, Miller School of Medicine
Norman Altman, Professor, Miller School of Medicine
Diana Cardenas, Chair, Department of Rehabilitation Medicine

CAPSULE: Faculty Senate Legislation #2013-06(B) – Name Change of the Department of Rehabilitation Medicine TO the Department of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation (in the Miller School of Medicine)

APPROVED:  DATE: 10/31/13
(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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August 13th, 2013

Professor Richard Williamson
Chair, Faculty Senate
University of Miami
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Re: Council Approved Name Change Proposal for the Department of Rehabilitation Medicine to the Department of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation

Dear Professor Williamson,

This is to inform the Faculty Senate that the Medical School Faculty Council met on August 13th, 2013 to review the *Proposal to change the name of the Department of Rehabilitation Medicine to the Department of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation*. The name change would not compromise the current mission of the department and it will be in line with the specialty offered by this department.

The name change is fully supported by Dean Goldschmidt, Sherrill H. Hayes, Professor and Chair Department of Physical Therapy and Diana D. Cardenas, M.D., M.H.A... The department has been recognized as one of the fastest growing academic medical school departments in the field of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation Medicine with its recent award of two federally funded grants from the National Institute on Disability and Rehabilitation Research, one for a model system on spinal cord injury and the other in traumatic brain injury.

The council members voted to *approve* the name change to the Department of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation.

Respectfully submitted,

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Carl Schulman, M.D., M.S.P.H., Ph.D.
Speaker, Medical Faculty Council



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

July 26, 2013

Richard Williamson, J.D.
Chair, Faculty Senate
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Re: Request of Department of Rehabilitation Medicine Name Change

Dear Dr. Williamson:

This letter is in support of the Department's request to change the name of the Department of Rehabilitation Medicine at the University of Miami Leonard M. Miller School of Medicine. The proposed name change from the Department of Rehabilitation Medicine to the Department of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation (PM&R) has the unanimous support of their faculty and would not change the mission of this department.

We are proud the department has been recognized as one of the fastest growing academic medical school departments in the field of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation Medicine with its recent award of two federally funded grants from the National Institute on Disability and Rehabilitation Research, one for a model system in spinal cord injury and the other in traumatic brain injury.

The name change to the Department of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation Medicine would place them in line with their specialty, as well as the same name used by many other departments across the nation. Hence, I am in full support of their request to change the name of the University of Miami Leonard M. Miller School of Medicine's Department of Rehabilitation Medicine to the Department of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation.

Thank you for your consideration and support.

Sincerely,



Pascal Goldschmidt, MD
Senior Vice President for Medical Affairs and Dean
Chief Executive Officer, University of Miami Health System



Diana D. Cardenas, M.D., M.H.A.
Professor and Chair
Chief of Service for Rehabilitation Medicine and
Director of Jackson Memorial Rehabilitation Hospital

April 12, 2013

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

I am requesting the support of the Faculty Senate in changing the name of the University of Miami Miller School of Medicine's *Department of Rehabilitation Medicine* to the *Department of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation*.

The proposed name change would not change our mission or the structure of our department. The proposed name change comes at the request of the faculty who unanimously recommended the change at this year's department Strategic Planning Retreat held in March. I fully support this request.

Each year our faculty educates and trains 18 resident physicians in the specialty of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation (PM&R). Our department is proud to be recognized as one of the newest and fastest growing academic medical school departments in the field PM&R in the nation. Our department was recently awarded two federally-funded grants from the National Institute on Disability and Rehabilitation Research (NIDRR) for a Model System in spinal cord injury and one in traumatic brain injury, making us one of only a handful of departments of PM&R in the nation with two such awards.

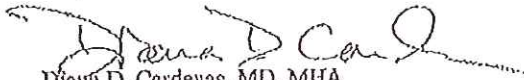
Our specialty of PM&R was established in the 1940's as one of 24 medical specialty boards that make up the American Board of Medical Specialties (ABMS) and is certified by the American Board of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation.

By changing our name, we would be using the same name as our specialty and the same name used by the vast majority of departments of PM&R in the country at top institutions such as Harvard, University of Michigan, Hopkins, Mayo Clinic, Baylor, University of Virginia, etc. Out of 20 well-known departments in the nation all but one were named departments of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation.

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Thank you for considering this request. I am happy to answer any questions.

Sincerely,



Diana D. Cardenas, MD, MHA
Professor and Chair
Department of Rehabilitation Medicine

DDC:

July 26, 2013

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Dear Dr. Williamson:

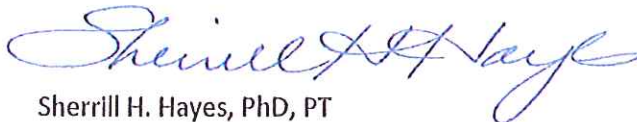
This letter is in support of the proposal to change the name of the Department of *Rehabilitation Medicine*, to the Department of *Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation*.

As Dr. Cardenas points out in her proposal, Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation, or "PM&R," is the most common format used for not only a Department, but also the medical specialty itself.

While it is true that there may be some confusion between "*Physical* Medicine and Rehabilitation," and "*Physical* Therapy," this is something that has always been true for our two departments and likely always will be, due to our similar focus on rehabilitation and disability. Actually, the same case could be made for the Departments of Radiology and Radiation Oncology – two other different departments at the Miller School, but with similar names and some perceived overlap.

At a recent polling of our faculty, this name change was discussed, and our department is unanimously supportive of this name change for our colleagues in PM&R.

Sincerely,



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