



## MEMORANDUM

**To:** Donna E. Shalala, President

**From:** Tomas A. Salerno  
Chair, Faculty Senate

**Date:** April 2, 2015

**Subject:** Faculty Senate Legislation #2014-33(B) – Name Change of the Department of Pathology to the Department of Pathology and Laboratory Medicine, Miller School of Medicine

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The Faculty Senate, at its March 25, 2015 meeting, voted unanimously to approve the name change of the Department of Pathology to the Department of Pathology and Laboratory Medicine in the Miller School of Medicine. The name change will more accurately reflect the change of the traditional role of the department from performing laboratory tests and reporting results to its role as an integral component of the medical, research and educational enterprise. This request is consistent with what many other Medical Schools are doing that reflects “an integrated approach to modern medicine,” and the significant transformation that the department has gone through to “meet the expectations of modern medicine,” as noted in the proposal.


This legislation is now forwarded to you for your action.

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Enclosure

cc: Thomas LeBlanc, Executive Vice President and Provost  
Pascal J. Goldschmidt, Sr. Vice President and Dean, Chief Executive Officer, Miller School of Medicine  
Norman Altman, Professor, Miller School of Medicine

**CAPSULE:** Faculty Senate Legislation #2014-33(B) – Name Change of the Department of Pathology *to* the Department of Pathology and Laboratory Medicine, Miller School of Medicine

APPROVED:  DATE: 4/6/15  
(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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January 8, 2015

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RE: Department of Pathology – Request to Change Name

Dear Dean. Goldschmidt,

I am requesting the support of the Faculty Senate to change the name of *the University of Miami Miller School of Medicine Department of Pathology* to the *University of Miami Miller School of Medicine Department of Pathology and Laboratory Medicine*.

The traditional roles of the Department of Pathology at the University of Miami Miller School of Medicine have dramatically changed over the years from only performing laboratory tests (including anatomical and clinical) and reporting results to becoming an integral part of the medical, research and educational enterprise. Many Medical Schools have changed the name of their pathology programs to the Department of Pathology and Laboratory Medicine, including University of California, San Francisco, Yale University, University of Pennsylvania, University of Washington, UCLA, University of Michigan, and the Mayo Clinic.

Pathologists today provide laboratory results and interpretations that reflect an integrated approach to modern medicine. Our department has undergone a significant transformation to meet the expectations of modern medicine. We have developed 16 subspecialty services in anatomical pathology and 11 in clinical pathology to better serve the UHealth clinical practice. We have upgraded our information technology systems to rapidly report results to clinicians. Our department is on the leading edge of research in developing new and novel tests and procedures including nanotechnology. We have centralized laboratory functions across the medical school to provide consolidating reports that assist clinicians to manage patient care and produce improved patient outcomes. We have upgraded our educational program to reflect the rising excellence of the University of Miami Miller School of Medicine as a whole. The proposed name change has the unanimous support of the faculty and will be more reflective of our expanded role, but it will not change our mission of outstanding clinical care, research and education.

Sincerely, 

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January 12, 2015

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**Re: Department of Pathology – Request to Change Name**

Dear Dr. Salerno, *Tomas*

This letter is in strong support of the Department's request to change the name of the *Department of Pathology at the University Of Miami Miller School Of Medicine* to the *Department of Pathology and Laboratory Medicine*. It has the unanimous support of the faculty and will not change the missions of the department to provide excellence in clinical services, education and research.

The change reflects the expanded role of pathologists, which has traditionally been to provide clinical services, to becoming an integral part of the medical team in routine diagnostic and increasingly complex and sophisticated laboratory evaluations.

The Department of Pathology at the Miller School of Medicine has vastly expanded its activities since my appointment as Dean, and has been a significant part of UHealth System.

Thank you for considering this request.

Sincerely,

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February 11, 2015

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*Re: Council Approved a Proposal for the Department of Pathology Name Change to the Department of Pathology and Laboratory Medicine*

Dear Dr. Tomas Salerno,

This is to inform the Faculty Senate that the Medical School Faculty Council met on February 10<sup>th</sup>, 2015 to review the ***Proposal for a Name Change for the Department of Pathology.***

The Department of Pathology has changed from performing only laboratory tests and reporting results to becoming an integral part of the University.

The council members voted to *approve* the proposal.

Respectfully submitted,



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