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## MEMORANDUM

**To:** Julio Frenk  
University President

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

**Date:** October 31, 2017

**Subject:** Faculty Senate Legislation #2017-05 (B) – Name Change of the Graduate Program in Physiology and Biophysics TO Graduate Program in Cellular Physiology and Molecular Biophysics, Miller School of Medicine

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The Faculty Senate, at its October 25, 2017 meeting, had no objections to the proposal to change the name of the Graduate Program in Physiology and Biophysics to Graduate Program in Cellular Physiology and Molecular Biophysics. The proposed change is the result of recommendations from the program's external review process. The name change is to make the program name more in line with other programs in the field and to modernize the program name. The name change will also attract more students to the program and will better inform about the research of the program, which is to study physiology and biophysics on the cellular and molecular level.

This legislation is sent to you for your action.


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Enclosure

cc: Jeffrey Duerk, Executive Vice President and Provost  
Edward Abraham, Dean, Miller School of Medicine  
Guillermo Prado, Dean, Graduate School  
Peter Larsson, Graduate Program Director, Department of Physiology and Biophysics

CAPSULE: Faculty Senate Legislation #2017-05 (B) – Name Change of the Graduate Program in Physiology and Biophysics TO Graduate Program in Cellular Physiology and Molecular Biophysics, Miller School of Medicine

**PRESIDENT'S RESPONSE**

APPROVED:  DATE: 11/21/17  
(President's Signature)

OFFICE OR INDIVIDUAL TO IMPLEMENT: Dean Edward Abraham and Dean Guillermo Prado  
EFFECTIVE DATE OF LEGISLATION: IMMEDIATELY  
(if other than June 1 next following)

NOT APPROVED AND REFERRED TO: \_\_\_\_\_

REMARKS (IF NOT APPROVED): \_\_\_\_\_

## Approval of Name Change for Graduate Program in Physiology and Biophysics

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Letter of Explanation  
October 9, 2017

TO: Faculty Senate University of Miami

FROM: H. Peter Larsson, Ph.D.,  
Graduate Program Director 

TOPIC: Name change for Graduate Program in Physiology and Biophysics

The external reviewers of the latest review of our graduate program (now named Graduate Program in Physiology and Biophysics) proposed that we change our name to Graduate Program in Cellular Physiology and Molecular Biophysics. This proposed name change is to make the program name more in line with other programs in the field and to modernize the program name. We hope that this name change will attract more students to our program and to better inform potential students about the research in our program (which is to study physiology and biophysics on the cellular and molecular level).



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**MEMORANDUM**  
July 10, 2017

**TO:** Dean Edward Abraham, M.D.

**FROM:** H. Peter Larsson, Ph.D.,  
Graduate Program Director 

**TOPIC:** Name change for Graduate Program in Physiology and Biophysics

The graduate faculty of the Graduate Program in Physiology and Biophysics voted to change the name of the graduate program to Graduate Program in Cellular Physiology and Molecular Biophysics at the faculty meeting on Tuesday May 23, 2017. This was in response to the external review of the graduate program and follows the recommendations of the external review committee. The Chair of the Department of Physiology and Biophysics, Dr. Karl Magleby, agrees with this name change of our graduate program. For the notification to the Faculty Senate of this name change, we need a memo from the Dean of the Medical School signifying approval of the faculty of the Medical School.



**Larsson, Peter**

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**From:** Abraham, Edward, M.D.  
**Sent:** Thursday, July 13, 2017 3:28 PM  
**To:** Larsson, Peter  
**Subject:** RE: Name change for Graduate Program in Physiology and Biophysics

I am supportive of this name change.

Is this email sufficient or does there need to be additional written confirmation?

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**From:** Larsson, Peter  
**Sent:** Thursday, July 13, 2017 1:21 PM  
**To:** Abraham, Edward, M.D. <[eabraham@med.miami.edu](mailto:eabraham@med.miami.edu)>  
**Subject:** Name change for Graduate Program in Physiology and Biophysics

Dear Dean Abraham,

The graduate faculty of the Graduate Program in Physiology and Biophysics has voted to change the name of the program to Graduate Program in Cellular Physiology and Molecular Biophysics (see attached Memo). Dean Prado will present the name change to the Graduate Council at the next meeting on August 22nd. If there are no concerns, Dean Prado will forward a memorandum to the Faculty Senate regarding the approval of the name change. An additional documentation needed for the Faculty Senate to approve the name change is a memo from the Dean of the Medical School signifying approval of the faculty of the Medical School (see item IA.3 below). This is a name change only, all other parts of the program remains as before. The Memo could be sent back to me and I will put together all Memos to the Faculty Senate.

Sincerely,

July 26, 2017

Tomas Salerno, M.D.  
Chair, Faculty Senate  
University of Miami  
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Coral Gables, FL 33146

*Re: Council Approved a Proposal for a Graduate Program Name Change for Ph.D. in Physiology and Biophysics to Ph.D. in Cellular Physiology and Molecular Biophysics.*

Dear Dr. Tomas Salerno,

This is to inform the Faculty Senate that the Medical School Faculty Council met on July 25<sup>th</sup>, 2017 to review the **Proposal for a Graduate Program Name Change for Ph.D. in Physiology and Biophysics to Ph.D. in Cellular Physiology and Molecular Biophysics.**

The proposed name change is the result of recommendations from the program's external review process. No other changes are being made to the program.

The council members voted to *approve* the proposal.

Respectfully submitted,



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**Karl L. Magleby, Ph.D.**  
Professor and Chairman

MEMORANDUM  
July 13, 2017

TO: Office of Faculty Senate

FROM: Karl L. Magleby, PhD  
Chairman 

TOPIC: Name change for Graduate Program in Physiology and Biophysics

As Chair of Physiology and Biophysics, I approve of the name change proposed by the graduate faculty of the Graduate Program in Physiology and Biophysics, to the new name of Graduate Program in Cellular Physiology and Molecular Biophysics.

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**MEMORANDUM**

**DATE:** July 17, 2017

**TO:** Peter Larsson, Graduate Program Director  
Department of Physiology and Biophysics  
Miller School of Medicine

**FROM:** Patty Murphy, Executive Director   
Office of Assessment and Accreditation

**RE:** Graduate Program Name Change from Ph.D. in Physiology and Biophysics to Ph.D. in Cellular Physiology and Molecular Biophysics

On July 10, 2017, the Miller School of Medicine notified my office of its intent to change the name of its Ph.D. program in *Physiology and Biophysics* to a Ph.D. in *Cellular Physiology and Molecular Biophysics*.

The proposed name change is the result of recommendations from the program's external review process and was approved by a vote of the program faculty. No other changes are being made to the program. Consequently, this proposed change does not "represent a significant departure, either in content or in method of delivery" from what we are currently approved by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges (SACSCOC) to offer. SACSCOC only requires notification of program changes that represent a significant departure from our current programs. Therefore, no notification or approval is required for this change.

Please contact me if you have any questions at [pattymurphy@miami.edu](mailto:pattymurphy@miami.edu) or (305) 284-3276.

**CC:** Faculty Senate  
Guillermo Prado, Dean of the Graduate School  
Edward Abraham, Dean of the Miller School of Medicine  
Karen Beckett, University Registrar

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**MEMORANDUM**

DATE: August 31, 2017

TO: Tomas Salerno  
Chair, Faculty Senate

FROM: Guillermo ("Willy") Prado   
Dean, The Graduate School

SUBJECT: Name Change – Graduate Program in Physiology and Biophysics

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The Department of Physiology and Biophysics in the Miller School of Medicine submitted a request to change the name of the program to Cellular Physiology and Molecular Biophysics. The request was discussed at the meeting of the Graduate Council on Tuesday, August 22, 2017, and no concerns were expressed by the Council members.

cc: Edward Abraham, Dean, Miller School of Medicine  
Zafar Nawaz, Senior Associate Dean, Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies  
Peter Larsson, Graduate Program Director, Dept. of Physiology and Biophysics  
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MEMORANDUM  
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The Chair of the Department of Physiology and Biophysics, the Dean of the Graduate School, the Medical School Council, the Dean of the School of Medicine, and the Office of Assessment and Accreditation all agree with this name change of our graduate program.

