

UNIVERSITY OF RHODE ISLAND

Kingston, Rhode Island

Faculty Senate

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Faculty Senate Curricular Affairs Committee

Four Hundred and Twentieth Report

**Proposal to Reorganize the Department Structure of the College of
Pharmacy**

At its meeting of January 26, 2004, The Curricular Affairs Committee approved the following proposal for the reorganization of the department structure of the College of Pharmacy and recommends confirmation by the Faculty Senate. The proposal is in the format required by the Board of Governors for Higher Education.

**Proposal to Reorganize the Department Structure of the College of
Pharmacy**

A. Program Information

1. Name of Institution

University of Rhode Island

2. Name of Administrative Units

College of Pharmacy

Department of Applied Pharmaceutical Science

Department of Biomedical Science

Department of Pharmacy Practice

3. Proposed Name of Administrative Units

College of Pharmacy

Department of Biomedical and Pharmaceutical Sciences

Department of Pharmacy Practice

4. Intended Date of Implementation

July 2004

5. Anticipated Date for Granting First Degree

N.A.

6. Intended Location of Administrative Units

University of Rhode Island, Kingston Campus

7. Institutional Review and Approval Process

Date Approved

College of Pharmacy October 2003

Curricular Affairs Committee, Faculty Senate January 2004

Faculty Senate

President of the University

8. Summary of Proposed Organizational Change

The College of Pharmacy presently consists of three Departments: The Department of Applied Pharmaceutical Science (APS); The Department of Biomedical Science (BMS) and the Department of Pharmacy Practice (PHP). The Department of APS consists of two sections, a Pharmaceutics Section and a Pharmacoepidemiology / Pharmaceconomics Section. During the 2002-2003 academic year the Dean of the College established a committee with representation from all three departments. The committee was charged to consider ways of optimizing the administration, research program and teaching activities of the College. After discussions with the

Dean of the College, it was recommended that the College be reorganized into two departments. It was proposed that the Pharmaceutics Section of APS and the whole of BMS should be merged to form a new Department of Biomedical and Pharmaceutical Sciences (BPS). It was further proposed that the Pharmacoepidemiology and Pharmacoeconomics section of APS become part of the Department of PHP.

9. Resources

No additional resources will be needed to effect the proposed change.

10. Signature of the President

Robert L. Carothers

11. Person to Contact During the Review

Judith Swift

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B. RATIONALE

The College of Pharmacy presently consists of three Departments: The Department of Applied Pharmaceutical Science (APS); The Department of Biomedical Science (BMS) and the Department of Pharmacy Practice (PHP). Faculty in PHP are primarily clinicians, who are directly involved in patient care and as a result are primarily based at clinical sites throughout the state. In contrast, faculty in APS and BMS are based at the Kingston campus. Furthermore, with the exception of the Pharmacoepidemiology and Pharmacoeconomics (PE/PE) Section of APS, the research activities of APS and BMS are primarily laboratory based. As pharmaceutical science and biomedical science has evolved in the last decade there has been an increasing overlap in the research activities of the two departments. However, the present departmental structure discourages collaboration and hinders interaction between and among faculty. The proposed departmental structure would address this problem and hopefully lead to cross-fertilization of research efforts between the two

existing departments. Owing to the more practice oriented research activities of the PE/PE section of APS, a more logical placement for this section would be within the department of PHP.

These organizational changes will also enable the College to address its graduate program and consider ways to make the program more cost-effective and to better prepare the graduates for careers in pharmaceutical and biological science.

The new structure would have minimal effect on the courses offered in College of Pharmacy. The College of Pharmacy's main teaching responsibility is delivery of the Doctor of Pharmacy curriculum. Since this is a College-wide integrated curriculum, the proposed restructuring would only lead to some recoding and renumbering of courses. It is anticipated that the improved communication associated with the proposed changes will enhance the coordination of course content and reduce overlap between courses.

Overall it is anticipated that the proposed re-structuring would: increase collaboration between and among faculty in the College of Pharmacy; promote cross-disciplinary research projects; improve the quality and cost-effectiveness of the graduate program and improve the delivery of the Doctor of Pharmacy curriculum. Finally, given the size of the College of Pharmacy, which has about 35 full-time faculty, a two department system would be more in-keeping with other College structures on campus. The net loss of one chair in the College will result in the following annual savings:

\$3,000.00 chair supplement

1/9 to 3/9 of the contract salary for a summer salary.

C. INSTITUTIONAL ROLE

The merger is consistent with the University's efforts to promote efficiencies and increase productivity through restructuring.

D. INTERINSTITUTIONAL CONSIDERATIONS

None

E. CONTENT

No change in content

F. EVALUATION

The functioning of the Departments of BPS and PHP will be monitored by the Chairperson of each department, the Associate Dean for Research, the Associate Dean of Academic Affairs in the College of Pharmacy, the Dean of the College of Pharmacy and the Provost of the University in accordance with the standard management practices of the institution.