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MEMORANDUM

TO: Deans, Department Chairs and Members of the University Senate

FROM: Jay A. Perman, M.D.
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RE: Change in Graduation Requirements for College of Medicine MD-PhD Track

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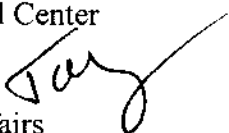
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FROM: Jay A. Perman, MD
Dean
Via
C. Darrell Jennings, M.D.
Chair, College of Medicine Curriculum Committee

RE: Change in College of Medicine Graduation Requirement

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In order to establish an MD-PhD track for our medical students, the University of Kentucky College of Medicine requests a change in graduation requirements for MD-PhD students only; present requirement will not change for the non-MD-PhD student.

Description:

The following are changes that need to be established for the MD-PhD student:

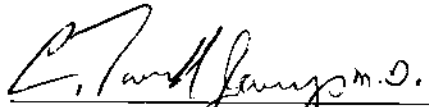
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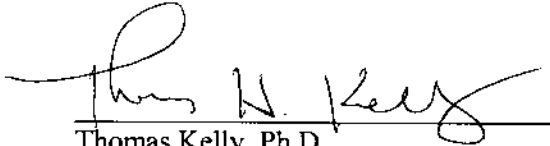
The current curricular requirements leave very little room for research in the third and fourth years of medical school. MD-PhD students presently complete the first two years of medical school, then enter graduate school and complete their PhD work, and then return to medical school to complete requirements for the MD degree. For many students, it is difficult to continue their research after completion of their PhD. This partially defeats the purpose of the combined degree.

The College of Medicine currently has two required AHEC rotations and an off-site rotation to expose students to the practice of medicine in a non-academic medical center setting during their 3rd & 4th years of medical school. While these are valuable experiences, MD-PhD students have chosen a training program which dictates practice in an academic medical center. The Curriculum Committee feels that 3 off-site experiences is excessive for MD-PhD students and proposes retention of one AHEC rotation and elimination of one AHEC rotation and the off-site rotation. The additional time will facilitate research electives and continuation of their projects prior to entering residency training programs. This change will balance the curriculum to more accurately meet the needs of this unique group of students. No other components of the curriculum will change.

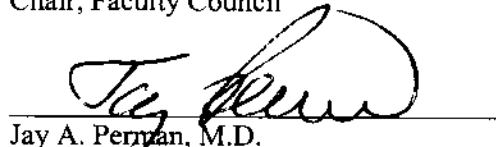
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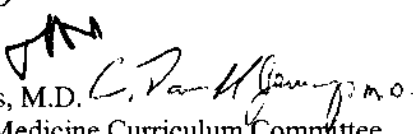


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RE: Change in College of Medicine Graduation Requirement

In order to create a partially distinct track for our MD-PhD program students, the University of Kentucky College of Medicine requests a change in graduation requirements for MD-PhD program students only; present requirement will not change for the non-MD-PhD student.

Description:

The following are changes that need to be implemented for the MD-PhD student:

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Justification:

The College of Medicine wishes to compete for an NIH funded Medical Scientist Training Program (MSTP) grant. This grant requires a distinct medical training program for MD-PhD students which allows enhanced opportunities for research. The current medical school curricular requirements leave very little room for research in the third and fourth years of medical school. MD-PhD program students presently complete the first two years of medical school, then enter graduate school and complete their PhD work, and then return to medical school to complete requirements for the MD degree. For many students, it is difficult to continue their research after completion of their PhD. This partially defeats the purpose of the combined degree.

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REQUEST FOR CHANGE IN DOCTORAL DEGREE PROGRAM

Program: MD-PhD
 Department/Division: Office of Academic Affairs
 College: Medicine Bulletin pp.: _____
 Degree title(Old): MD-PhD Degree Title (New): N/A
 CIP Code: _____
 Accrediting agency (if applicable): _____

1. PROPOSED CHANGE(S) IN PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

	<u>Current</u>	<u>Proposed</u>
1. Number of transfer credits allowed	N/A	N/A
2. Residence requirement (minimum of one year before and after Qualifying Exams)	N/A	N/A
3. Language(s) and/or skill(s) required	N/A	N/A
4. Provisions for monitoring progress and termination criteria	College of Medicine Student Progress & Promotion Committee and the MD-PhD Program director	same
5. Total credit hours required (if applicable)	N/A	N/A
6. Required courses (if applicable)	N/A	N/A
7. Required distribution of courses within program (if applicable)	N/A	N/A
8. Minor area or courses outside program required (if applicable)	N/A	N/A
9. Distribution of courses levels required (400G-500/600-700)	N/A	N/A
10. Qualifying examination requirements	N/A	N/A

NOTE: To the extent that changes in 6. or 8. above involve additional courses in other programs, please include documentation from

the program(s) pertaining to the availability of such courses.


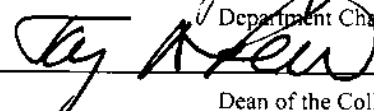

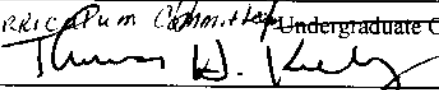
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11. Other requirements not covered above
N/A

II. RATIONALE FOR CHANGE(S)

If the rationale involves accreditation requirements, please include specific references to those requirements.
See attached

Signatures of Approval:

 Department Chair	8/24/04
 Dean of the College	8/25/04
 Curriculum Committee Undergraduate Council	Date of Notice to the Faculty 8/24/04
 Faculty Council *University Studies	8/25/04
*Graduate Council	Date
*Academic Council for the Medical Center	Date
*Senate Council	Date of Notice to Univ. Senate

*If applicable, as provided by the Rules of the University Senate

ACTION OTHER THAN APPROVAL: