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Office of the President  
October 29, 2003

Members, Board of Trustees:

## CHANGE IN NAME OF AN EDUCATIONAL UNIT

Recommendation: that the Board of Trustees approve the change in the name of the Department of Ophthalmology to the Department of Ophthalmology and Visual Sciences.

Background: This change reflects the desire to advance a strong research mission and will aid in attracting biomedical scientists and academically oriented veterinary ophthalmologists and optometrists. The change will increase collaborative opportunities, enhancing joint competitiveness for extramural funding. The addition of “Visual Sciences” conveys to the lay and professional communities that the department is not only a center of clinical excellence but also one with research interests.

The proposed change has been approved by the faculty in the Department and the Academic Council for the Medical Center, reviewed and recommended by the Senate Committee on Academic Organization and Structure and the Senate Council, and approved by the University Senate. The Provost of the University supports this recommendation.

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Action taken:     Approved     Disapproved     Other \_\_\_\_\_