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Office of the President
September 21, 2004

Members, Board of Trustees:

CHANGE OF ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE OF THE GRADUATE CENTER FOR TOXICOLOGY

Recommendation: that the Board of Trustees approve the transfer of administrative oversight for the Graduate Center for Toxicology from the Dean of the Graduate School to the Dean, College of Medicine, effective September 1, 2004.

Background: Part of the charge to the Futures Task Force was to make recommendations concerning the administrative reporting relationships for the graduate program centers reporting to the Dean of the Graduate School. The Task Force responded to this charge by recommending that the Graduate Center for Toxicology should be allowed to remain independent or report to the College of Medicine.

The mission of the Graduate Center for Toxicology is to provide research, graduate education, and service in Toxicology. While the main research thrust of the core faculty is in molecular mechanisms of toxicology, the Center also trains students who have research interests in other areas, including neurotoxicology, immunotoxicology, and environmental toxicology. The Graduate Center maintains a multidisciplinary research and graduate training program that has achieved national distinction. Because of the closely aligned research missions and research of the faculty in the Center and College of Medicine, both can be strengthened by the administrative reassignment of the Center.

The proposal has been reviewed and recommended by the Senate Committee on Academic Organization and Structure and the Senate Council; and recommended for approval by the University Senate. The Provost of the University supports this recommendation.

Action taken: Approved Disapproved Other _____