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Jay Perman, M.D.
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Dear Dr. Perman:

I very much appreciate your support of our efforts to develop the Center for Women's Health at the University of Kentucky. As we move forward, I would like to request your assistance in making a few clarifications for the Center with the Provost and Board of Trustees. As you know, the Center was formally approved by the University of Kentucky by the Board of Trustees October 24, 2000. It was originally intended that the Center director report to the Chancellor of the Medical Center, a position which no longer exists. The Center was also created to include faculty from various academic departments in the Medical Center. I would like to request a formal clarification of a new reporting relationship for me as Center director to the Dean of the College of Medicine. Along with this clarification, the Center proposes a new name, "Center for the Advancement of Women's Health". The mission and goals of the Center have also been reviewed and updated as follows:

The Center for the Advancement of Women's Health at the University of Kentucky incorporates five (5) areas of emphasis including research, education, clinical services, community outreach, and leadership. The Center's mission is to:

- Create new knowledge towards the understanding and improvement of the women's health through clinical and basic research initiatives
- Train primary care practitioners in gender-specific medicine and sensitize all health practitioners to understand and respond to the health care concerns and needs of women
- Provide gender-specific diagnostic, treatment and preventive health care services in a coordinated, comprehensive and compassionate manner
- Share women's health resources and information with consumers, communities, health care professionals, educators, and policy makers
- Enhance the professional development of women at all academic levels within the University of Kentucky Chandler Medical Center, and increase recruitment, retention, promotion and advancement of women faculty

Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions or concerns regarding these changes.

Sincerely,



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Replied to
Perman
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Office of the President
October 24, 2000

Members, Board of Trustees:

ESTABLISHMENT OF A WOMEN'S HEALTH CENTER

Recommendation: that the Board of Trustees approve the establishment of a Women's Health Center.

Background: The proposed Women's Health Center's vision is to advance the health, well-being, and self-esteem of women in Kentucky. Women's Health as defined by the National Academy on Women's Health Medical Education is devoted to facilitating the preservation of wellness and prevention of illness in women, and includes screening, diagnosis and management of conditions which are unique to women; more common in women; more serious in women; and have manifestations, risk factors or interventions which are different in women.

The proposed Center will incorporate five (5) areas of emphasis: research, education, clinical services, community outreach, and leadership. The Center's mission is to discover scientific and clinical knowledge through systematic and multidisciplinary approaches in order to understand and improve the health of women; to sensitize health practitioners to understand and respond to the health care concerns and needs of women; to provide coordinated, comprehensive and compassionate diagnostic, treatment and preventive health care services for women; to share women's health resources and information with consumers, communities, health care professionals, educators, and policy makers; and to increase the recruitment, retention, development, promotion and advancement of women within the University of Kentucky.

The Women's Health Center will be a Center reporting to the Chancellor of the Medical Center. The Center will work with faculty from various academic departments in the Medical Center.

The establishment of the Center is supported by the Chancellor of the Medical Center. This recommendation for approval is contingent upon final consideration by the University Senate on October 16, 2000.

Action taken:



Approved

Disapproved

Other _____