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To: University Senate
From: Rebecca Andridge, Chair, Council on Academic Affairs
Subject: Proposal to Establish the Department of Molecular Medicine and Therapeutics
Date: September 15, 2022

A PROPOSAL FROM THE COUNCIL ON ACADEMIC AFFAIRS TO ESTABLISH THE DEPARTMENT OF MOLECULAR MEDICINE AND THERAPEUTICS, COLLEGE OF MEDICINE

- Whereas establishing a new basic science department focused on foundational research in specific areas including foundational therapeutics, regenerative medicine and molecular medicine, is aligned with the goals of the College of Medicine, will have high impact, and enhance the College's national/international reputation; and
- Whereas there are no similar departments in Ohio and the College reviewed departments and related centers/institutes at peer institutions for best practices/approaches; and
- Whereas the proposal specifies academic units within the College and across the University with which it will interact in its research and educational missions, and stresses that it will complement and partner but not compete with current high quality University programs; and
- Whereas the proposal adheres to the guidelines for the establishment of a department and provides details on: its administrative structure, emphasis on graduate and postdoctoral research education, and the fiscal resources to establish and maintain the Department; and
- Whereas the proposal was developed through a thorough process within and outside the College of Medicine, has the support from the College Dean and College Council, and there are letters of support from the Colleges of Arts and Sciences, Engineering, Pharmacy, and Veterinary Medicine, the Comprehensive Cancer Center and the Davis Heart and Lung Research Institute; and
- Whereas the proposal was reviewed and approved by the Council on Academic Affairs at its meeting on April 20, 2022; and

Therefore be it resolved that the University Senate approve the proposal to establish the Department of Molecular Medicine and Therapeutics and respectfully requests approval by the Board of Trustees.