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To: University Senate
From: Maria Coyle, Chair, Council on Academic Affairs
Subject: Proposal to Establish the Department of Dermatology
Date: March 9, 2022

A PROPOSAL FROM THE COUNCIL ON ACADEMIC AFFAIRS TO ESTABLISH THE DEPARTMENT OF DERMATOLOGY, COLLEGE OF MEDICINE

- Whereas Currently the Division of Dermatology is located within the Department of Internal Medicine but is distinct from Internal Medicine, encompassing a unique body of knowledge and has a distinct residency program that leads to board certification in Dermatology; and
- Whereas department status is an important criterion for the recruitment of nationally recognized clinicians and researchers; dermatology residency is highly competitive and department status will help accelerate matching the most outstanding future candidates from top-tier medical schools; and
- Whereas Dermatology has close associations with several other specialties, many of its focus areas are fundamentally different from the practice of Internal Medicine and their financing, support, and productivity require an organizational structure that is tailored to and adept at supporting those distinct areas; and
- Whereas the proposal addresses all components expected in a proposal for the alteration of a unit, including a sound financial base and it has the support of the Department of Internal Medicine and the College of Medicine; and
- Whereas the proposal was reviewed and approved by a subcommittee and then by the full Council on Academic Affairs at its meeting on February 16, 2022; and

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