

M e m o r a n d u m

To: University Senate  
From: Maria Coyle, Chair, Council on Academic Affairs  
Subject: Proposal to Establish the Gene Therapy Institute  
Date: April 14, 2022

A PROPOSAL FROM THE COUNCIL ON ACADEMIC AFFAIRS TO ESTABLISH THE GENE THERAPY INSTITUTE

- Whereas the University is a pioneer in gene therapy applications, the rapid expansion and use of gene therapy globally make it critical to organize, structure, and strengthen efforts in this fast moving field to maintain our differentiating stature; and
- Whereas it will be institutional in scope, including, in addition to the College of Medicine and the Wexner Medical Center, the College of Engineering, Fisher College of Business, Moritz College of Law, and College of Pharmacy; and
- Whereas the proposal adheres to the guidelines for the establishment and review of centers and institutes, including: defined areas of impact; defined strategies for research and education and training; collaboration with related centers and institutes within the University; criteria for Institute membership; an administrative structure with a reporting line to the Vice President for Research; specification of resources for its implementation, both short and longer term, including the expectation that it will be able to attract significant extramural federal funding; and evaluation criteria; and
- Whereas the proposal has letters of support from the Enterprise for Research, Innovation and Knowledge, and the leadership of other colleges; and
- Whereas the proposal was reviewed and approved by a subcommittee and then by the full Council on Academic Affairs at its meeting on April 6, 2022; and

Therefore be it resolved that the University Senate approve the proposal to establish The Gene Therapy Institute.