

## Memorandum

To: University Senate

From: Jennifer Higginbotham, Co-Chair, Council on Academic Affairs

Subject: Proposal to Change the Name of the Department of Family Medicine

Date: February 6, 2019

A PROPOSAL FROM THE COUNCIL ON ACADEMIC AFFAIRS TO CHANGE THE NAME OF THE DEPARTMENT OF FAMILY MEDICINE TO THE DEPARTMENT OF FAMILY AND COMMUNITY MEDICINE; COLLEGE OF MEDICINE

- Whereas the addition of community to the department name better reflects their commitment to community engagement and empowerment, population health, and health equity
- Whereas the new name aligns with the field's prioritizing of health and wellness in communities
- Whereas the name aligns with values shared with partners in Public Health, Social Work, Nursing, Population Health, and Preventive Medicine
- Whereas the name Family and Community Medicine is commonly used in large Family Medicine departments
- Whereas the proposal received unanimous faculty support from the College of Medicine on September 18, 2019 and unanimous support from the College of Medicine Dean's Council on December 18, 2019
- Whereas the Council on Academic Affairs approved the proposal on January 22, 2020

Therefore be it resolved that the University Senate approve the proposal to change the name of the Department of Family Medicine to the Department of Family and Community Medicine and respectfully request approval by the Board

of Trustees.