

RESOLUTION to Change the Name of the Department of Medical Laboratory Sciences to the Department of Biomedical Sciences

WHEREAS, the Department of Medical Laboratory Sciences has expressed the intent to change its name to the Department of Biomedical Sciences, and

WHEREAS, the current name of Medical Laboratory Sciences suggests a narrow area of focus in clinical laboratory medicine, which is not indicative of our mission and enterprise, and

WHEREAS, the name Department of Biomedical Sciences reflects that our educational programs have expanded to encompass areas from the bench to the bedside, at both the graduate and undergraduate levels, including:

- Bachelor of Science degrees in Applied Molecular Biology and Biotechnology, Medical Diagnostics, Medical Diagnostics, pre-PA, and Medical Laboratory Science,
- Minors in Genetic Counseling, Forensics, and Molecular Diagnostics
- Graduate and undergraduate certificates in Molecular Diagnostics
- Ph.D., MS and 4+1 in Medical Sciences, and

WHEREAS, the name Department of Biomedical Sciences is reflective of the new and ongoing basic-science research by faculty, which includes:

- Molecular basis of inherited visual disease
- Cell signaling in microbiomes to identify novel antimicrobial therapeutics
- Single molecule RNA imaging to study the molecular drivers of cancer
- Molecular basis of oncogenesis in *Human Papillomavirus*
- Diabetes and endocrinology clinical outcomes research
- Educational outcomes and public policy research

WHEREAS, the name Department of Biomedical Sciences more accurately reflects the inter-disciplinary nature of the research our graduate students and their mentors are engaged in, with projects ranging from medical anthropology, inflammatory breast cancer, CRISPR based cancer research, microbiomes, RNA biology, structure-function based studies of disease associated proteins, and

WHEREAS, the name Department of Biomedical Sciences will help to position us to be more competitive for external funding, and

WHEREAS, the new name will be globally more representative of the diversity of our teaching mission, the research conducted by the faculty, our service to the community and the overall professional goals of the department, and

WHEREAS, the name Department of Biomedical Sciences reflects current naming trends nationwide for departments similar to ours in scope and enterprise, including: the University of Wisconsin, Milwaukee; Florida State University; the University of New Hampshire; the University of Massachusetts, Lowell; Long Island University; Missouri State University; Marquette University; Texas Tech University and the University of Central Florida, and

WHEREAS, the name the Department of Biomedical Sciences conveys our emerging image and brand – “One department, many possibilities”, be it therefore

RESOLVED, that the Faculty Senate recommends the name of the Department of Medical Laboratory Sciences be changed to the Department of Biomedical Sciences.