Institution Submitting Request: University of Utah School of Medicine
Proposed Title: Department of Ophthalmology and Visual Sciences
Currently Approved Title: Department of Ophthalmology
School or Division or Location: School of Medicine
Department(s) or Area(s) Location: School of Medicine
Recommended Classification of Instructional Programs (CIP) Code¹ (for new programs):
Current Classification of Instructional Programs (CIP) Code (for existing programs):
Proposed Beginning Date (for new programs):
Institutional Board of Trustees’ Approval Date:

Proposal Type (check all that apply):

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*Requires “Section V: Program Curriculum” of Abbreviated Template

Chief Academic Officer (or Designee) Signature:
I certify that all required institutional approvals have been obtained prior to submitting this request to the Office of the Commissioner.

______________________________________________  Date:  7/25/2013

Signature                                           Printed Name: Randall J Olson, M.D., Professor and Chair, CEO John A. Moran Eye Center

¹ CIP codes must be recommended by the submitting institution. For CIP code classifications, please see http://nces.ed.gov/ipeds/cipcode/Default.aspx?y=55,
Section I: Request

We want to change the name of our Department from the Department of Ophthalmology to the Department of Ophthalmology and Visual Sciences.

Section II: Need

As a clinical department we have the greatest percentage of our budget dedicated to the Visual Sciences side of what we do, more than any other department in the School of Medicine. This represents about 40% of our budget. When we include what the clinical side does, we are probably close to 50/50 effort at this time between clinical ophthalmology and visual sciences research. This is a national trend and simply represents that fact that the clinical speciality of ophthalmology in institutes similar to ours is very bit as much about the science of vision as we are engaged in clinical ophthalmology. We feel that is name more fairly represents what we do.

Section III: Institutional Impact

We do not offer any degrees in our department. This change will not affect or change the structure, faculty or staff in any way. No new physical facilities or modifications will be needed. No equipment will be needed.

Section IV: Finances

We do not anticipate any costs or savings from this name change. No new funds will be required and it will not impact budgets at our institution.
June 17, 2013

Dr. Edward M Barbanell
195 CENTRAL CAMPUS DR RM 110
SALT LAKE CITY, UT 84112

Dear Dr. Barbanell:

On June 17, 2013 at Executive Committee Meeting the following name changes about departments were discussed and approved:

- Department of Ophthalmology would like to be recognized as the Department of Ophthalmology and Visual Sciences.
- Department of Orthopedics would like to be recognized as the Department of Orthopaedics.
- The Division of Cardiology would like to be recognized as the Division of Cardiovascular Medicine. This Division is part of the Department of Internal Medicine.

The vote results were as follows:

- Department of Ophthalmology and Visual Sciences – 15 approvals/0 disapprovals/1 abstention
- Department of Orthopaedics – 15 approvals/0 disapprovals/1 abstention
- Division of Cardiovascular Medicine, Department of Internal Medicine – 16 approvals/0 disapprovals/ 0 abstentions

I am supportive of these department/division name changes.

Sincerely,

Vivian S. Lee, M.D., Ph.D., M.B.A.

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Vivian S. Lee, MD, PhD, MBA  
Senior Vice President for Health Sciences  
Dean, School of Medicine  
CEO, University of Utah Health Care  
5201 Clinical Neurosciences Center  
Salt Lake City, UT 84132

RE: Department Name Change from “Department of Ophthalmology” to “Department of Ophthalmology and Visual Sciences”

Dear Vice President Lee:

This is actually the third time that we are working on this having thought that this name change had occurred several years ago. I apologize that, supposedly, after we had done all that we were told to do, that somehow the ball was dropped, but whatever the reason this simply represents what we do as a Department at this time. I do think now as a clinical department, we have the greatest percentage of our budget dedicated to the Visual Sciences side of what we do than any other Department in the School of Medicine. This represents about 40% of our budget. When we included what the clinical side does, we are probably close to 50/50 effort at this time between clinical ophthalmology and visual sciences research.

This is a national trend and simply represents the fact that the clinical specialty of ophthalmology in institutes similar to ours is every bit as much about the science of vision as we are engaged in clinical ophthalmology. We felt that this new name more fairly represented what we do and had requested this name change many years ago.

If there are any issues or questions in regards to this, please do not hesitate to contact me. I appreciate getting this carried through all the way to where the name is finally official.

Sincerely,

Randall J Olson, M.D.  
Professor and Chair of Ophthalmology & Visual Sciences  
CEO, John A. Moran Eye Center

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