

May 19, 2004

A. Lorris Betz
Interim President and
Senior Vice President for Health Sciences
203 Park
Campus

RE: Proposal to Change Name of Department of Pharmacy Practice to
Department of Pharmacotherapy

Dear Interim President Betz:

At its meeting of May 10, 2004, the Graduate Council unanimously voted to approve a proposal to change the name of the Department of Pharmacy Practice to the Department of Pharmacotherapy.

The proposal indicates that the name change will more accurately reflect the focus and research activities of the department, all of which deal with pharmacotherapy issues but are not limited to pharmacy practice per se.

A copy of the proposal is attached for your approval and transmittal to the Academic Senate.

Sincerely,

David W. Chapman
Assoc. V.P. for Graduate Studies
Dean, The Graduate School

Encl.

XC: David W. Pershing, Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs
John W. Mauger, Dean, College of Pharmacy

Diana I. Brixner, Chair, Department of Pharmacy Practice

April 14, 2004

David S. Chapman
Associate Vice President for Graduate Studies
Dean, Graduate School
University of Utah
310 Park

Dear Dean Chapman:

The Department of Pharmacy Practice would like to propose the name change of the department from the Department of Pharmacy Practice to the Department of Pharmacotherapy. This request is not made lightly, in fact an Ad Hoc Committee of some of the core faculty met to review options, possible appropriate names and other related pros and cons. After much consideration and the unanimous support of the core faculty, this name change proposal is submitted. This name change is supported by the College of Pharmacy Executive Committee as well (College of Pharmacy Executive Committee 02/09/04).

The name change more accurately reflects the focus and mission of the department (see attached information from Department Strategic Plan). Our faculty's research and teaching all relate to pharmacotherapy, but no longer limited to pharmacy practice. The new proposed name more accurately describes the department. It will not change our relationships to other units with the university, but will make our mission clearer to other units.

In answer to your questions, the answers follow in bold print below.

Request - Briefly describe the change.

The name change is requested to more accurately reflect the focus and mission of the department. Our faculty's research and teaching all relate to pharmacotherapy, but are no longer limited to pharmacy practice. For example, we do pharmacoeconomic analysis (economic analyses of pharmacotherapy) and the department includes the Utah Poison Control Center and University of Utah Hospital and Clinics Drug Information Center, both of which deal with pharmacotherapy issues that often are not pharmacy practice, per se.

Need - Refer to your program mission. Indicate why the change is justified. Reference need or demand data if appropriate. See previous response (above).

Institutional Impact - Will the proposed recommendation affect enrollments in instructional programs of affiliated departments or programs? How will the proposed recommendations affect existing administrative structures? What (new) faculty, physical facilities or equipment will be impacted?

The new proposed name more accurately describes the department. It will not change our relationships to other units within the university, but will make our mission clearer to other units.

Costs - What costs are anticipated? Describe any budgetary impact, including cost savings, on other programs or units within the institution.

Costs are negligible. We will use up current letterhead, etc and make the change on future orders. No new signage is needed.

Practice Elsewhere - Cite trends in the discipline. Provide a summary or compilation of names used in peer institutions. (See attached list of peer institutions.) It is noteworthy that we were the first full Department of Pharmacy Practice in the United States, effective in 1977, and the majority of American Colleges of Pharmacy followed our lead because it was the most appropriate name at that time. As the discipline has expanded, other schools have or are in the process of making a name change. With a vision to the future, again the department is blazing a path which most likely will be followed by others.

Changes, if any, in precise names of degrees offered. No changes.

Changes, if any, in catalog prefix descriptions, course designations, etc.

None needed at this time. The faculty may vote to change our departmental prefix (currently PHPRC) in the future (e.g., PHTHR). No catalog or course listing changes are needed.

We look forward to this review. If you further information or have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me or my assistant, Susan Havlicak @X15984.

Sincerely,

Diana I. Brixner, R.Ph., Ph.D.
Associate Professor and Chair

Attachments