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MEMORANDUM

To: Faculty, Staff, and Students  
School of Public Health

From: Michael T. Nietzel, Provost

Subject: Report of the Workgroup on the Organization of the School of Public Health

Date: August 25, 2003

In March, I appointed a Workgroup to examine possible organizational frameworks for the School of Public Health. Dr. Stephen Wyatt chaired this Workgroup, and I am grateful for his excellent leadership and the diligent efforts of the workgroup members.

I am writing to convey that I have accepted the report of the Workgroup, specifically its recommendation that the University proceed with the process necessary to establish a College of Public Health. This process will require additional efforts by the faculty within the School, approval from the Faculty Council in the College of Medicine to transfer the Department of Preventive Medicine and Environmental Health to the new college, and approval from the faculty in the College of Health Sciences to transfer the Department of Health Services Management to the new college. This proposal to create the College of Public Health will require the review and approval of the Faculty Council, a recommendation from the University Senate, and finally, approval of the President and Board of Trustees.

I have requested that Tom Samuel, Interim Director of the School of Public Health, proceed with assembling the necessary documents for submission to the University Senate no later than January 2004 and, in parallel, to organize the faculty to begin work on the self-study that must be submitted prior to CEPH accreditation. I have also authorized the initiation of searches to fill four, permanent faculty lines in the School. I will release additional lines in FY05 sufficient to bring the faculty complement to a level required for accreditation.

I am copying college deans on this memorandum in order to encourage them to invite Tom Samuel and me to meet with their faculty and answer any questions about this decision. It is my hope that these meetings will help explain the decision about proceeding with this new college. I believe an accreditation visit in the spring of 2005 is feasible.

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cc: Deans  
Gil Boissonneault; Richard Clayton; Terri Foxx; Gerry Gairola; Richard Kryscio; Judy Page;  
Scott Prince; David Randall; Nancy Schoenberg; Juliann Sebastian; Sarah Wackerbarth; John  
Watkins; and Stephen Wyatt