DESIGNATE THE PROCARE DENTAL GROUP, P.C., IMPLANT AND INNOVATIONS CENTER, COLLEGE OF DENTISTRY, CHICAGO

Action: Approve Naming of the ProCare Dental Group, P.C., Implant and Innovations Center, College of Dentistry, Chicago

Funding: No New Funding Required

The Interim Chancellor at Chicago recommends the naming of the to-be-constructed predoctoral dental implant program space on the third floor of the College of Dentistry building, located at 801 South Paulina Street, the ProCare Dental Group, P.C., Implant and Innovations Center, in recognition of its $1.0 million gift commitment. This gift will allow for the renovation of a 4,000-square-foot space containing ten dental operatories (dental chairs, cabinetry, and other equipment) and the latest in diagnostic equipment. The Center will include the newest educational and patient care technologies such as digital imagery, diagnosis and treatment planning, treatment lasers, electronic tooth shade matching, occlusal analyzers, and optical dental impressions.

Currently, the predoctoral dental implant program’s instruction and patient care has taken place in a shared space with the Advanced Prosthodontic Program on the third floor of the College of Dentistry. The newly constructed space, which includes Rooms 348, 350, 352, 354, 351, and 330C, is currently used for the administrative offices of the Department of Restorative Dentistry, several part-time Restorative Dentistry
faculty, a common sterilization area, and some vacant space. The construction plan includes a new, modern sterilization area that will upgrade the current facility. The departmental offices will be moved to a smaller footprint of the renovated space and the part-time faculty will be re-assigned alternative space in the College. Construction is expected to begin in Spring 2008 and be completed by September 2008.

ProCare Dental Group, P.C., is a leading provider of dental practice management services to group dental practices in the Chicago metropolitan area. Based in Arlington Heights, Illinois, it operates 16 dental offices in northern Illinois and manages practices for more than 40 general dentists and specialists. ProCare has long been a supporter of the College of Dentistry and its programs. Among the areas where ProCare has provided annual support are Clinic and Research Day, the Dental Student Council’s Spring Formal Charity Ball, and Specialty Career Night.

The Board action recommended in this item complies in all material respects with applicable State and federal laws, University of Illinois Statutes, The General Rules Concerning University Organization and Procedure, and Board of Trustees policies and directives.

The President of the University concurs.