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RENAME THE UIC CENTER FOR BOTANICAL DIETARY SUPPLEMENTS
RESEARCH, COLLEGE OF PHARMACY, CHICAGO

Action: Rename the UIC Center for Botanical Dietary Supplements Research, College of Pharmacy

Funding: No New Funding Required

The Chancellor, University of Illinois at Chicago, and Vice President, University of Illinois with the advice of the Chicago Senate and College of Pharmacy recommends the renaming of the UIC Center for Botanical Dietary Supplements Research as the Pharmacognosy Institute.

In 1999, Congress authorized the National Institutes of Health (NIH), through the National Center for Complementary and Alternative Medicine, to establish Botanical Centers of Excellence in order to provide scientific evidence in support of botanical dietary supplements in human health. The UIC Center was established in 2001 and unites laboratories of the College of Pharmacy whose research emphasizes those aspects of pharmaceutical sciences that are focused on the pharmacognosy of plant-derived natural products. In addition to research and teaching, Center researchers serve as a resource for information about botanicals, fielding questions from healthcare providers and the media.

The Center has been successful in achieving its initial goals. Moreover, it has developed research programs that have attracted key collaborators from across campus and beyond, as well as securing substantial federal grant awards. These projects have in turn produced publications in the top journals in the field.

Since its establishment, the nature of the Center's work has evolved and expanded beyond the initial NIH project. The current name is no longer an adequate representation of the scope and breadth of activities, which involve: an NIH funded predoctoral training program in pharmacognosy; the sole World Health Organization Collaborating Center for Traditional Medicine in the Americas; a substantial number of research faculty and senior researchers collaborating on diverse projects in pharmacognosy; a technology hub for natural products analysis; and the world's most comprehensive database on bioactive natural products. The term *pharmacognosy* describes these activities best, represents the legacy of natural products research in the college, and therefore provides a natural fit for the proposed name, Pharmacognosy Institute.

The Board action recommended in this item complies in all material respect 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 Executive Vice President and Vice President for Academic Affairs concurs with this recommendation. The University Senates Conference has indicated that no further Senate jurisdiction is involved.

The President of the University recommends approval. This action is subject to further review and approval by the Illinois Board of Higher Education.