

Board Meeting
November 18, 2010

REORGANIZE THE DEPARTMENT OF SURGICAL ONCOLOGY,
COLLEGE OF MEDICINE, CHICAGO

Action: Approve the Reorganization of the Department of Surgical Oncology,
College of Medicine

Funding: No New Funding Required

The Chancellor at Chicago with the advice of the Chicago Senate and the College of Medicine recommends the elimination of the Department of Surgical Oncology as an independent unit and incorporation of it as a division within the Department of Surgery.

The impetus for the change is to align the College of Medicine with the standard departmental structure of the Association of American Medical Colleges (AAMC). When vital metrics of a clinical unit (number of the faculty, research portfolio, educational collaborations, and clinical revenue) are considered, Surgical Oncology compares appropriately to the other divisions in the Department of Surgery, as opposed to an independent unit.

The AAMC represents the 133 accredited U.S. medical schools and the 17 accredited Canadian medical schools that grant M.D. degrees. Of the member institutions, none still maintains a separate Department of Surgical Oncology. Of the 19 fellowship programs approved by the Society of Surgical Oncology, most fall under the

purview of an academic institution's Department of Surgery with a few programs run by medical centers and stand-alone cancer center institutes outside of a specific medical school. Another reason for the reorganization is that all internal financial analyses have concluded that the clinical service line and research portfolio of the Department of Surgical Oncology do not require a separate administrative core and infrastructure. Consolidated administrative service centers will yield a cost savings for the College while weathering the current financial environment.

Department of Surgical Oncology faculty members participate in the instruction of medical students and surgical residents which will not be affected by the reorganization. Extensive consultative and logistical meetings were held with key faculty and leadership within both departments and at College department heads meetings before submission to the College Executive Committee for approval.

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 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.