

Board Meeting
July 23, 2020

RENAME THE DEPARTMENT OF FAMILY MEDICINE, COLLEGE OF
MEDICINE, CHICAGO

Action: Rename the Department of Family Medicine, College of Medicine

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 Medicine recommends the renaming of the Department of Family Medicine as the Department of Family and Community Medicine.

The change in name acknowledges the need for primary care to focus as much on communities as it does on individuals. Family physicians have always been engaged in community health, be it through participation in school health programs, community mental health, or preventative services and public health interventions. In the College of Medicine, this engagement includes work through Mile Square Health Center, the Pilsen Clinic, Physician Home Visits program, and a course on interprofessional approaches to health disparities for multiple health professions. A number of departments of family medicine in the United States have already changed their names to family and community medicine in recognition of this expanded role (e.g., Wisconsin, Northwestern, Michigan State, Minnesota). In addition, the sister departments in the

College of Medicine at Peoria and the College of Medicine at Rockford are already departments of Family and Community Medicine.

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.