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TO: Academic Board

SPONSOR: Vivek Goel  
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DATE: September 17, 2004

AGENDA ITEM: 8 (b)

**ITEM IDENTIFICATION:**

Faculty of Medicine: Proposal to change the name of the Department of Otolaryngology to the Department of Otolaryngology – Head and Neck Surgery.

**JURISDICTIONAL INFORMATION:**

**Terms of Reference of the Academic Board:  
Section 5.2.7 Name changes of academic units**

Name changes in academic divisions (excluding namings<sup>1</sup>) are considered by the Academic Board and confirmed by the Executive Committee. [Changes in name that are part of a proposal for establishing, restructuring and/or merging units would be recommended to the Academic Board by the Planning and Budget Committee.]

**PREVIOUS ACTION TAKEN:**

The Council of the Faculty of Medicine considered and unanimously approved this proposal at its Council meeting on May 31, 2004.

**HIGHLIGHTS:**

The proposed new name would more accurately describe the department as approximately 65% of the Departments of Otolaryngology in the United States are recognized under the name Department of Otolaryngology – Head and Neck Surgery. The Chair of the Department, Professor Patrick Gullane, is also Chief of Otolaryngology at the University Health Network. Professor Gullane consulted in his own hospital-based Department, and raised the matter with all the other hospital-based Chiefs, who undertook their own consultations and returned in support of the name change. Further, Professor Gullane's Executive Committee is widely representative and also endorsed the revision to the Department's name.

The issue was discussed initially at the Executive Committee of the Department of Otolaryngology, University of Toronto. Following that, we did a wide circulation to all members of the department. A 100% of the members were in agreement. I then contacted the Chair of the Department of Surgery, Professor Richard Reznick, he then consulted the members of his department and his letter shows the Department of Surgery were in total agreement

**FINANCIAL AND/OR PLANNING IMPLICATIONS:**

There are no new/additional financial resources required to implement the name change.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

It is recommended that the Academic Board approve:

THAT the Faculty of Medicine change the name of the Department of Otolaryngology to the Department of Otolaryngology – Head and Neck Surgery.

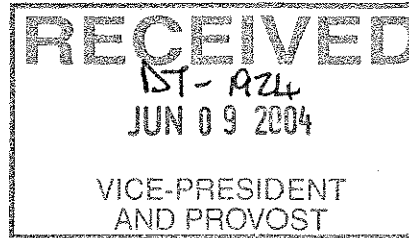
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<sup>1</sup> Academic units named under the Policy on Naming will be reported to the Academic Board for information.  
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Office of the Dean

June 4, 2004

Dr. Vivek Goel  
Vice-President and Provost  
Room 225, Simcoe Hall  
University of Toronto

Dear Dr. ~~Goel~~: *Vivek*

This is to inform you that the Council of the Faculty of Medicine considered and unanimously approved the following two motions at its meeting on May 31, 2004:

- (1) That the name of the Department of the Department of Otolaryngology be changed to: Department Otolaryngology – Head and Neck Surgery.
- (2) That the spelling of the name of the “Department of Anaesthesia” be changed to the “Department of *Anesthesia*”.

I enclose the documentation that the Council received and recommend the approval of these changes by the University.

Sincerely,



David Naylor, MD, DPhil, FRCPC  
Dean  
Faculty of Medicine

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Encl.

Copy to: Prof. David R. Bevan, Chair, Department of Anaesthesia  
Prof. Patrick J. Gullane, Chair, Department of Otolaryngology  
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March 15, 2004

Prof. C. David Naylor  
Dean, Faculty of Medicine  
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Dear David,

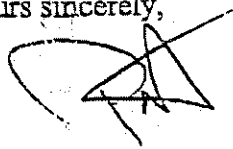
Name Change

Some 65% of the Departments of Otolaryngology in the United States are recognized under the name Department of Otolaryngology – Head & Neck Surgery.

I would like to make this name change to our Department with your permission. I do not see this creating any conflict. We discussed this at our recent Executive Committee meeting of the Department. Some 85% of our work within the UHN is head and neck surgery; head and neck oncology is predominantly performed today by otolaryngologists.

I would appreciate your support in permitting me to change the name of the department. With kindest personal regards.

Yours sincerely,



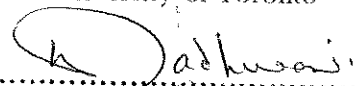
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<p><b>APPROVED</b> By the Council of The Faculty of Medicine University of Toronto</p> <p> ..... Faculty Secretary</p> <p>May 31, 2004 ..... Date</p>
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Richard K. Reznick, MD, MEd, FRCSC, FACS  
R.S. McLaughlin Professor and Chair  
Department of Surgery

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May 6, 2004

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Re: Name Change in the Department of Otolaryngology

Dear Pat,

As per your letter dated March 15, 2004 I have no objection to your submission for a name change for your department from the Department of Otolaryngology to the Department of Otolaryngology – Head and Neck Surgery.

With regards,

Yours sincerely,



Richard K. Reznick, MD

c.c.: David Naylor, MD

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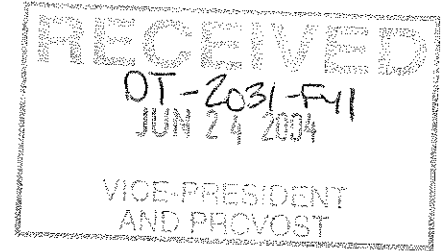
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June 17, 2004

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Dear David,

I thank you for your support of the name change of our Department from Otolaryngology to Otolaryngology – Head & Neck Surgery.

I look forward to hearing from Prof. Goel once the University approves this recommendation. With warmest wishes.

Sincerely yours,



Patrick J. Gullane, MB, FRCSC, FACS  
Professor and Chair Department of Otolaryngology  
Wharton Chair Head & Neck Surgery  
Otolaryngologist-in-Chief, University Health Network

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