

## Memorandum

**To:** Members of the Committee on Academic Policy and Programs  
**From:** Carolyn Tuohy  
**Date:** January 9, 2002

### **Item Identification**

Faculty of Medicine – Proposed name change: Department of Ophthalmology and Vision Sciences

### **Sponsor**

Carolyn Tuohy

### **Jurisdictional Information**

The Committee has authority for approval of naming of academic units.

### **Highlights**

The proposed name change is consistent with the multidisciplinary nature of the Department, which includes but extends beyond the medico-surgical subspecialty of ophthalmology.

### **Action Sought**

Approval of the following motion:

THAT the proposal for the change of the name of the Department of Ophthalmology to the Department of Ophthalmology and Vision Sciences, as described in submission from the Faculty of Medicine, dated November 7, 2001, be approved, effective immediately.

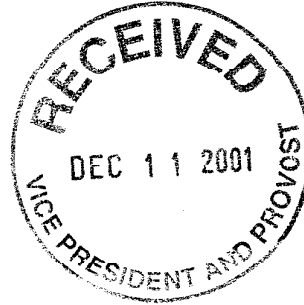


FACULTY OF MEDICINE

University of Toronto  
Office of the Dean

November 7, 2001

Prof. Adel Sedra,  
Vice-President & Provost  
Simcoe Hall Room 225  
27 King's College Circle  
University of Toronto



Dear Prof. Sedra:

Re: Change of Name for the Department of Ophthalmology

At its meeting on October 29, 2001, the Council of the Faculty of Medicine approved the change of name of the Department of Ophthalmology to **The Department of Ophthalmology and Vision Sciences**.

The Department of Ophthalmology is seeking to emphasise its broader and multidisciplinary nature. Ophthalmology is widely understood to refer to a specific medico-surgical subspecialty. Vision Sciences, in contrast, embraces the full breadth of vision-related research and education. A particular impetus for this shift is the growth of the highly successful Vision Science Research Program. The program offers graduate student support and supervisory oversight to students from all sectors of the Faculty who are interested in vision science research, drawing on an endowment of approximately \$18M. Accordingly, the name change is timely and highly appropriate. Prior to being approved by Faculty Council, it was unanimously endorsed, by the Committee of All Department Chairs.

I enclose the letter that was presented to Council in this matter. If you have any questions, please contact me.

Yours sincerely

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Dean, Faculty of Medicine

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Dean, Faculty of Medicine  
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Dear David,

I am asking that we change the name of our Department from the Department of Ophthalmology to the Department of Ophthalmology and Vision Sciences. The reason for this is so that we can build up the academic and scientific profile of our Department, and I believe that this is a long time coming. As you know, it has been passed through a number of Committees and needs to be put forward to the Agenda Committee of the Faculty Council and Academic Board.

I hope that you are in favor of this proposal. Thank you again for all your support.

Sincerely yours,

J.J. Hurwitz, M.D., F.R.C.S.[C]

JJH/rmw

cc Sonia Wadhvani

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as you know this  
was passed unanimously  
by the All Chair  
Committee.

Best wishes

David