

<p><i>Title:</i></p>	<p>Proposal to Rename the Center for Pharmaceutical Biotechnology as the Center for Biomolecular Sciences</p>
<p><i>Sponsor:</i></p>	<p>College of Pharmacy</p>
<p><i>Executive Summary:</i></p>	<p>The Center for Pharmaceutical Biotechnology unites laboratories of the College of Pharmacy whose research emphasizes biological aspects of pharmaceutical sciences. The Center was established in March 1994. The nature of the work in the Center has changed over time and the unit name no longer reflects the current goals and mission of the Center. Changing the name to the Center for Biomolecular Sciences more accurately reflects the work ongoing in the Center.</p>
<p><i>Description and Justification:</i></p>	<p>The Center for Pharmaceutical Biotechnology was established in March 1994 after receiving approval from the Illinois Board of Higher Education. At the time of its establishment, the College of Pharmacy had research programs in the traditional disciplines of Pharmacy, but very little organized research in biotechnology – although biotechnology products in the Food and Drug Administration pipeline were increasing at a staggering rate. The goal of the Center was to provide an organization and environment that fostered both collaboration and cooperation across unit boundaries both within the College and across the campus.</p> <p>The Center has been successful in that goal, developing research programs that succeeded in attracting researchers from multiple colleges across campus, as well as other universities, and attracting grants that were some of the largest ever awarded to UIC. These projects have produced publications in some of the top journals in the world, and have resulted in at least two spin-off companies based on technology developed in the Center.</p> <p>In the last 10 years, the nature of the work in the Center has evolved. In 2014, the Center for Pharmaceutical Biotechnology had 8 faculty members, 6 research faculty, over 20 graduate students, 9 postdocs, and over 15 research and office staff. Instead of focusing on biotechnological aspects of the pharmaceutical sciences, the current direction of research in the Center is aimed at unraveling the molecular mechanisms of drug action, molecular underpinnings of human diseases and new molecular approaches for drug discovery.</p> <p>Given the current depth and breadth of activities, the current name no longer best represents the work and mission of the Center. Renaming the Center to focus on biomolecular sciences is more appropriate because it would</p>

	adequately reflect the current and future research emphasis, would promote more favorable attitude of the reviewers of the grant applications and would attract the proper contingent of new faculty members, researchers and graduate students to the laboratories affiliated with the Center.
<i>Catalog Statement</i>	<p>Not applicable as the Center is not described in either the Undergraduate or Graduate Catalog. However, as a result of the change in the Center name, the College of Pharmacy is submitting a separate proposal to rename one of four concentrations within the PhD in Pharmacognosy.</p> <p>Within the PhD in Pharmacognosy, students must pursue a concentration and one is in Pharmaceutical Biotechnology. Students who select this concentration are affiliated with the Center for Pharmaceutical Biotechnology. During their first two semesters, students conduct three 10-week research rotations in laboratories of the Center. By the end of the first year, a student chooses a lab within the Center to pursue their PhD research. Given the relationship between the Center and the concentration, the college is proposing to rename the concentration from Pharmaceutical Biotechnology to Biomolecular Sciences.</p>
<i>Minority Impact Statement:</i>	No positive or negative impact on minority students, faculty or staff is anticipated. Renaming the Center will more appropriately reflect the nature of the work they have been doing.
<i>Budgetary and Staff Implications:</i>	No negative impact on budget or staff is anticipated, as the name of the Center will not change state budgets, impact extramural grant scores or change the chances of obtaining funding. One positive impact on staff is that their CVs/resumes will more accurately reflect the nature of the work they have been doing in the Center and as part of their doctoral studies.
<i>Library Resource Implications:</i>	The change in Center name will have no implications on the library's collections or services. Current library resources sufficiently meet the needs of Center-affiliated faculty, staff, researchers and students, and there are no plans to substantially increase the size of Center staff or students in the affiliated concentrations within the PhD in Pharmacognosy.
<i>Space Implications:</i>	No impact on space is anticipated as we will maintain our current space in the Molecular Biology Research Building and do not, at this time, anticipate enlarging or reducing our space allocation.
<i>Unit (e.g. department) approval date:</i> <i>College (educational policy committee, faculty) approval dates:</i>	<p>Center Approval: January 21, 2015</p> <p>EPC Approval: April 13, 2015</p> <p>Executive Committee Approval: May 29, 2015</p> <p>College of Faculty Approval: June 8, 2015</p>

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