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| Title: | Elimination of the Temporomandibular Joint and Facial Pain Research Center |
| Sponsor: | College of Dentistry |
| Executive Summary: | The College of Dentistry proposes to eliminate the Temporomandibular Joint and Facial Pain Research Center. The center – which was established in 1963 and approved as an IBHE Center – was an active research unit until 1984. Since that time the Center has existed in name only. This formal elimination will remove the Center from the College's and institutions roster of IBHE-approved Centers and Institutes. |
| Description: | The College of Dentistry proposes to eliminate the Temporomandibular Joint and Facial Pain Research Center. This center – which was established in 1963 – was envisioned to be a potential focus for investigative study and grant support. The Center had NIH funding and a robust research program until 1984. At that time, the NIH grant funding ended and the Director of the Center left UIC. Since that time, a few faculty members have attempted to revitalize the Center but funding has not been identified. This formal elimination will remove the Center from the College's and institutions roster of IBHE-approved Centers and Institutes. |
| Justification: | A combination of factors, including reduction in NIH funding, failure to attract collaborators and the departure of the faculty member with expertise in the domain, and focus on wound healing and cancer research, have led the College of Dentistry to decide that the Temporomandibular Joint and Facial Pain Research Center is not a viable entity in which to invest resources that could be better utilized elsewhere. Therefore it is the position of the College of Dentistry that the Temporomandibular Joint and Facial Pain Research Center should be eliminated. |
| Catalog Statement: | Not applicable. |
| Minority Impact Statement: | Not applicable. |
| Budgetary and Staff Implications: | Not applicable. |
| Library Resource Implications: | Not applicable. |
| Space Implications: | Not applicable. |
| College approval dates: | Approved by the Executive Committee on:12/12/2012 Approved by the Faculty on: 3/26/2013 |

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| Proposed Effective Date: | Spring 2014 |