

# **ACTION ITEM #1**

## **Establish a Doctor of Medicine Degree in the Elson S. Floyd College of Medicine (Daniel J. Bernardo)**

May 5, 2017

TO ALL MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF REGENTS

**SUBJECT:** Establish a Doctor of Medicine Degree in the Elson S. Floyd College of Medicine

**PROPOSED:** That the Board of Regents establish a Doctor of Medicine Degree in the Elson S. Floyd College of Medicine

**SUBMITTED BY:** Daniel J. Bernardo, Provost and Executive Vice President

**SUPPORTING INFORMATION:** The Elson S. Floyd College of Medicine proposes to establish a Doctor of Medicine Degree (MD). Review of the curriculum and the proposal to establish an MD degree is currently being evaluated by the Faculty Senate.

The degree will require completion of 6 courses in medical science, 4 clerkships, 1 sub-internship rotation, 8 regular rotations, and 12 one-credit courses in medical leadership. The leadership courses allow the student to earn a separate Certificate in Leadership in Medicine and Healthcare.

Besides coursework, the student must also pass 3 national licensing exams; complete a scholarly project; and satisfy professionalism standards set forth by the college. The curriculum is structured so that all students can finish in four years, though the college will allow students to potentially remain in good standing for up to six years. The college will operate under a distinct academic calendar that consists of terms of unequal length rather than semesters. This alternate calendar has already been reviewed and approved by the Faculty Senate.

The curriculum is structured as follows:

- Year 1  
Three (3) Foundations of Medical Science courses (14, 13, and 12 credits), three (3) leadership courses (1 credit each)

- Year 2  
Three (3) Foundations of Medical Science courses (13, 13, and 11 credits), one (1) clerkship (7 credits), three (3) leadership courses (1 credit each)
- Year 3  
Three (3) clerkships (13, 13, and 9 credits), one (1) sub-internship rotation (4 credits), two (2) regular rotations (4 credits each), three (3) leadership courses (1 credit each)
- Year 4  
Six (6) regular rotations (4 credits each), three (3) leadership courses (1 credit each)

Of the regular rotations, two will be required (Emergency Medicine, one of Rural Medicine or Underserved Medicine), and the remaining six will be selected by the student from among numerous options.

At present, all Medical Science courses, Leadership courses, clerkships, the sub-internship, and the required internships are moving through the Faculty Senate approval process. The Senate is also reviewing six (6) elective internships. While more internships are in development, the College of Medicine has enough courses nearing approval to offer the entire four-year curriculum. The Senate is also reviewing the degree proposal proper.