

# ACTION ITEM #1

## Rename the College of Pharmacy to the College of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences

(Daniel J. Bernardo)

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TO ALL MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF REGENTS

**SUBJECT:** Rename the College of Pharmacy to the College of Pharmacy and  
Pharmaceutical Sciences

**PROPOSED:** That the Board of Regents approve to rename the College of Pharmacy  
to the College of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences

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

**SUPPORTING  
INFORMATION:** The College of Pharmacy proposes to change the name of the college  
to the College of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences. The following  
proposal has been carefully reviewed by the Provost's Office as well as  
other Deans, WSU Spokane campus leadership, and several central  
offices. No concerns have been expressed.

### *Justification*

Many schools or colleges of pharmacy offer graduate degrees in  
Pharmaceutical Sciences (or the equivalent) in addition to the  
professional Doctor of Pharmacy degree, and a limited number of these  
have adopted the name "Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences". The  
College of Pharmacy believes that embracing this name will highlight  
the balanced mission of the college and will differentiate Washington  
State University from the other schools/colleges of pharmacy in the  
region. No pharmacy program in a Pac-12 university or in the northwest  
currently uses this title (geographically the closest institution is the  
University of California - San Diego). The new name also aligns with the  
two degree programs offered by the college: "pharmacy" (commonly  
understood to be the PharmD), and "pharmaceutical sciences"  
(commonly understood to be the PhD).

### *Process*

The proposed name change was first discussed with the College of  
Pharmacy's external advisory board, which includes significant alumni  
representation. The board endorsed the proposed change  
enthusiastically. The proposed name change was then discussed at a

College of Pharmacy's faculty retreat (June 7-8, 2017). The proposal was presented and discussed on the first day of the retreat, with additional discussion and polling on the second day. Among the faculty who participated in the retreat, 38 indicated they were in favor of the change, two were opposed, and one abstained.

*Timeline*

The College of Pharmacy would like to move forward with the proposed change at the earliest date possible.

This recommendation was passed by the Faculty Senate on September 21, 2017.