To form a Department of Basic Medical Sciences for the University of Arizona College of Medicine Phoenix Program

Requested by
The University of Arizona

Rationale for Creating the Unit
The Department of Basic Medical Sciences will be the home academic department for the UA College of Medicine Phoenix Program (UACOM/PP). This new department will be inclusive of the disciplines fundamental to the science of medicine, which are cell biology, anatomy, physiology, biochemistry, microbiology, immunology, pharmacology, and pathology. Rather than form multiple basic science departments for the UACOM/PP at this stage in the Phoenix Program development (initial cohort group of 24 first-year students starting in July 2007), a single Basic Medical Sciences department will more effectively and efficiently until there is sufficient significant growth in faculty and students in the Phoenix Program. The Phoenix Program is being developed in consultation with Arizona State University.

Purpose and Activities of the Unit
As the UA College of Medicine Phoenix Program moves toward implementation, with the inaugural class of 24 first-year students entering in July 2007, faculty members in the basic medical sciences will be needed to be recruited specifically for the Phoenix site. The academic home for these faculty will be the Department of Basic Medical Sciences. The Department and its faculty will develop, implement, monitor, and evaluate the basic science component of the Phoenix Program leading to the M.D. degree, and to establish basic science research and graduate programs in the Phoenix Program.

Resources
A. Faculty and Staff
At onset, 12 FTE faculty (MD and PhD) and 4.5 FTE administrative support personnel, including library support, will contribute 100% of their effort to the educational mission.

As the UA College of Medicine Phoenix Program advances and medical student enrollments increase, additional educational and research faculty will be added, as well as additional administrative staff to create successful educational and research programs.

B. Physical Facilities and Equipment
II. Facilities
Plans for the UA College of Medicine Phoenix Program include the use of the Phoenix Union High School buildings and the additional construction of building service cores, providing approximately 90,000 sf of classroom, faculty office, pre-clinical training exam rooms, learning resources center/library, meeting rooms, and administrative space. The facility will not, however, include instructional space for the gross anatomy course, which will be located off-site through a facilities use agreement with the Barrow’s Neurological Institute, approximately 2 miles from the Phoenix Biomedical Campus.

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<td>Beyond the space needs articulated above, library acquisitions of approximately $520,000 will be needed, to purchase electronic licensing over the next three years.</td>
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<td><strong>D. Sources of Funding</strong></td>
<td>Funding through a state appropriation of $6 million in FY 2006 allows the initial phases of the UA College of Medicine Phoenix Program to move forward. It is anticipated that another $2.1 million in FY 07 and $4 million in FY 08, through grant funding, will support the budget.</td>
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