ITEM XXX-XXX-XXXXX

Item Name

Re-titling the Department of Microbiology and Immunology to the Department of Microbiology and Cell Biology

THAT

The Board of Regents of Higher Education authorizes Montana State University-Bozeman to re-title the Department of Microbiology and Immunology to the Department of Microbiology and Cell Biology, which reflects the merger of the Departments of Microbiology and Immunology and Cell Biology and Neuroscience.

EXPLANATION

The Department of Microbiology and Immunology and the Department of Cell Biology and Neuroscience were merged last year, resulting in the formation of a large department at MSU with a variety of research and educational disciplines being represented. In efforts to unify the department and represent the various educational and research opportunities, the faculty worked together over the course of the last 8 months to develop a new name for the department. Through several meetings of the faculty in the merged department and voting by all of the tenure track faculty, as well as representatives from the non-tenure track faculty, the faculty recently voted to request that the departmental name be changed to Microbiology and Cell Biology. This name reflects the merger of the two departments, while keeping important components of the original names that represent the nature of our combined research and teaching programs. All of our graduate and undergraduate programs will remain intact under the new departmental name, and no other reorganization or costs are being requested.

Hereby, we request approval to re-title the “Department of Microbiology and Immunology” to the Department of Microbiology and Cell Biology.” All of our graduate and undergraduate programs will remain intact under the new departmental name, and no other reorganization or costs are being requested.

ATTACHMENTS

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