

MEMORANDUM

TO: Pamela B. Davis, MD, PhD
Dean, School of Medicine

FROM: Mark Aulisio, PhD
Chair, Faculty Council

DATE: September 29, 2014

RE: Proposed change to awarded degree from Master of Science (MS) in Anesthesiology to Master of Science in Anesthesia (MSA)

At its September 15, 2014, meeting, the Faculty Council reviewed a proposal, submitted by Joseph M. Rifici, AA-C, Med, Executive Program Director, Matthew Norcia, MD, Executive Medical Director, and James R. Rowbottom, MD, Chair, Department of Anesthesiology and Perioperative Medicine, to change the conferred degree to a Master of Science in Anesthesia (MSA) degree. Mr. Rifici and Dr. Norcia were present at the meeting to present the proposal and answer questions. The proposal had previously been reviewed by the Steering Committee and was recommended for approval by the full Faculty Council.

The proposed degree change hopes to more accurately reflect the program's mission and reflect CWRU's nationally recognized and unique programs through the specialized degree. The program currently operates in three locations (Ohio, Texas, and Washington, D.C.). The degree change will assist with promoting this specialized clinical program and follows the trend of other Anesthesiologist Assistant-training master's programs.

Following a thorough review and discussion of the proposal, the Faculty Council voted to recommend approval of the program.

Please review the program, forwarded to you with a copy of this memo by email. We hope you will forward the proposal to the Faculty Senate for their review and approval.

Please let me know if you would like additional information.

cc: Mr. Joseph M. Rifici; Dr. Matthew Norcia; Dr. James R. Rowbottom; Nicole Deming; Dan Anker