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Roy Ritzmann, PhD  
Chair, Faculty Senate  
c/o Rebecca Weiss, Secretary of the University Faculty  
Adelbert Hall  
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Dear Professor Ritzmann:

As noted in the accompanying memo from Professor Bill Schilling, Chair of the School of Medicine's Faculty Council, the Faculty Council has recommended approval of a proposal to merge the Department of Environmental Health Sciences into the Department of Epidemiology and Biostatistics.

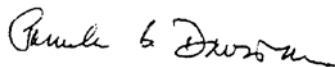
Professor Jonathan Haines is the chair of the Department of Epidemiology and Biostatistics and the interim chair of the Department of Environmental Health Sciences. There are currently no faculty with primary appointments in the Department of Environmental Health Sciences, no active education programs and students enrolled in these programs. At the same time, the programs in the Department of Epidemiology and Biostatistics are active and expanding. New opportunities will arise by integrating the missions of these departments including a review and revisualization of the graduate programs currently dormant in the Department of Environmental Health Sciences.

Professor Haines presented this proposal to Faculty Council in February. The proposal was then voted on and unanimously approved by the Faculty Council. I concur with the Faculty of Medicine and recommend approval of this merger.

Please submit the proposed merger of the Department of Environmental Health Sciences into the Department of Epidemiology and Biostatistics to the appropriate committees for their review at their earliest opportunity. I would be pleased to answer any questions that might arise during the review process.

Thank you.

Sincerely,



Pamela B. Davis, MD, PhD

c: Bill Schilling, Chair, Faculty Council  
Nicole Deming, Assistant Dean for Faculty Affairs and Human Resources, SOM

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