August 6, 2018

To: Randy Smith, PhD
Vice Provost for Academic Affairs
Office of Academic Affairs

From: Patrick M. Lloyd, DDS, MS
Dean and Professor

Re: Division Name Change in the College of Dentistry

The College of Dentistry requests approval to merge the Division of General Practice and Materials Science with the Division of Restorative Science and Prosthodontics to form a new division that will be named the Division of Restorative Dentistry and Prosthodontics. The combining of these two divisions is intended to enhance operational efficiencies by including in one unit the two groups of faculty who are most intimately involved in the pre-doctoral didactic and clinical curricula. Such a restructuring will facilitate faculty assignments to specific courses; supervisory coverage of dental students in the clinics; and collaboration among each division’s various disciplines to provide treatment planning and patient care.

A single chair will be appointed to direct this new division – Lisa Lang, DDS, MS, MBA. For several months, Dr. Lang has served as chair of the Division of General Practice and Materials Science, and as the interim chair of the Division of Restorative Science and Prosthodontics. This interim arrangement has demonstrated the above mentioned benefits and reinforces the decision to combine the two divisions.

To assist Dr. Lang in the oversight of faculty and staff within the Division of Restorative Science and Prosthodontics, a vice-chair of the division was appointed – Shereen Azer, BDS, MSc, MS. This new position has proven to be most effective, allowing Dr. Lang to delegate a host of administrative and managerial responsibilities so she can dedicate her efforts to higher level duties that are best addressed by the division chair. Dr. Azer will serve as vice-chair of the merged division.

The proposed merged division name and leadership is as follows:

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The faculty in both divisions were included in the discussion about this merger and the name change. There was wholehearted support expressed for the decision with a recommendation that it be forwarded to the dean of the college for advancement to the university’s Office of Academic Affairs.

If there is a need for additional information to support this request or to discuss any aspect of this memorandum, please do not hesitate to contact me. This merger will be implemented as soon as approval is granted by your office.

CC: Lisa Lang, DDS, MS, MBA; Chair, General Practice and Materials Science; Interim Chair, Restorative Science and Prosthodontics