Notice of Intent to Rename an Academic Program, Department, or College

Name of unit: Paul G. Allen School for Global Animal Health

Proposed new name of unit: Paul G. Allen School for Global Health

Justification for proposed name change: The mission of the School, as originally stated, was to improve human health by control of infectious diseases, with a focus on emerging and zoonotic infectious diseases. The formal naming of the school as the Paul G. Allen School of Global Animal Health occurred in 2010 as part of the gift agreement with the late Paul Allen (attached). As our programs have grown and expanded, the School's programs are broadly directed at global health and encompass maternal-child nutrition, Covid-19 and influenza, and immunization programs in addition to the role of zoonotic and emerging infectious diseases at the animal and human interfaces. In 2020, 86% of $58M in federal funding is directed at human health. As an example, Allen School faculty lead CDC programs focused on antibiotic use in hospitals in both Kenya and Guatemala as well as CDC funded U.S. hospital-based studies. In terms of training, the Allen School directs NIH integrated training for Kenyan physicians and veterinarians. This development of research and education in both human infectious diseases and non-communicable disease has led the global health effort at WSU and brings in a greater breadth from economics, social sciences, medicine, nursing, and pharmacy. It is important that faculty in other units with a human health focus can “see themselves” within the WSU global health effort. Renaming the school as the Paul G. Allen School for Global Health will provide a core academic unit with a designation that facilitates global health across the university. There are no fiscal, course, or personnel impacts from the proposed change.

Describe process used to arrive at new name, including consultations with faculty and other potentially affected units: The new name was proposed by the leadership and unanimously supported by current faculty of the Allen School and then discussed with the Dean of the College of Veterinary Medicine. The change was presented to and unanimously approved by the President, Provost, the Chancellor of WSU-Spokane, which includes the Colleges of Medicine, Nursing, and Pharmacy, and, individually, with the Deans of the Elson S. Floyd College of Medicine, College of Nursing, and College of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences. Following these approvals, WSU contacted Paul Allen’s estate to seek their approval, which was granted (attached). To be consistent with the gift agreement, the building will be renamed the Paul G. Allen Center for Global Health.

List any and all objections raised during consultations to proposed new name and provide responses to each: None

Desired effective date (semester, calendar year): Summer, 2021.
Name of person submitting this notice:

Tom Kawula, Director

Date submitted

March 3, 2021

Electronic signature of dean of sponsoring college

Date signed

March 3, 2021

Submit completed form to Office of the Provost and Executive Vice President at provost.deg.changes@wsu.edu.