



MEMORANDUM

TO: Matt Hudelson, Executive Secretary
Faculty Senate

FROM: William B. Davis, University Accreditation Liaison Officer & Vice Provost for Academic
Engagement and Student Achievement

DATE: November 4, 2024

SUBJECT: Proposal to Establish a New Academic Unit, the Department of Community and
Behavioral Health

Please find attached a notice of intent (NOI) and supporting documents to create a new academic unit, the Department of Community and Behavioral Health, within the College of Medicine.

The proposal to establish the new department was presented to the Board of Regents at their November 2020 meeting and was subsequently approved on November 13, 2020. The statement to the Board of Regents explicitly notes that establishing the new department “will set the stage for the future development of both graduate and undergraduate educational offerings in behavioral and community health. These offerings will be in partnership with faculty in other units, both within and outside the Elson S. Floyd College of Medicine.”

The College of Medicine is now ready to move forward with proposing educational offerings and is requesting that this new academic unit be approved. The Provost’s Office supports this proposal and we recommend the new academic unit to be effective Spring 2025.

We are sending this as an informational item to the Faculty Senate Leadership so that you are aware of this next step in the evolution of the Department of Community and Behavioral Health.