MEMORANDUM

TO: Robert Gold
    Dean, School of Public Health

FROM: Elizabeth Beise
       Interim Associate Provost for Academic Planning and Programs

SUBJECT: Proposal to establish a dual M.H.A./M.D. degree program with the University of Maryland, Baltimore (PCC log no. 08091)

Your proposal to establish a dual M.H.A./M.D. degree program with the School of Medicine at the University of Maryland, Baltimore has been administratively approved, after consideration by both the Graduate and Senate Programs, Courses and Curricula committees. A copy of the approved proposal is attached.

The dual degree program is effective Spring, 2010. The School of Public Health should ensure that the program is fully described in the Graduate Catalog and in all relevant materials, and that all advisors are informed.

Enclosure

cc: Alex Chen, Chair, Senate PCC Committee
    Sarah Bauder, Office of Student Financial Aid
    Reka Montfort, University Senate
    Barbara Hope, Data Administration
    Donna Williams, Institutional Research & Planning
    Anne Turkos, Archives
    Linda Yokoi, Office of the Registrar
    Thomas Castonguay, Graduate School
    Colleen Farmer, School of Public Health
    Laura Wilson, Chair, Health Services Administration
THE UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND, COLLEGE PARK
PROGRAM/CURRICULUM PROPOSAL

DIRECTIONS:
- Provide one form with original approval signatures in lines 1 - 4 for each proposed action. Keep this form to one page in length.
- Early consultation with the Office of the Associate Provost for Academic Planning & Programs is strongly recommended if there are questions or concerns, particularly with new programs.
- Please submit the signed form to Claudia Rector, Office of the Associate Provost for Academic Planning and Programs, 1119 Main Administration Building, Campus.
- Please email the rest of the proposal as an MSWord attachment to pccsubmit@umd.edu.

DATE SUBMITTED June 19, 2009__

COLLEGE/SCHOOL_School of Public Health__

DEPARTMENT/PROGRAM_Department of Health Services Administration__

PROPOSED ACTION (A separate form for each) ADD_x___ DELETE_____ CHANGE_____

DESCRIPTION (Pro~ide a succinct account of the proposed action. Details should be provided in an attachment. Provide old and new sample programs for curriculum changes.)

This is a proposal for a dual degree MD/ MHA between the UM Medical School and the SPH Department of Health Services Administration. No changes are being made to the MHA curriculum of 51 credits. The only variance is that the five core public health courses required in the curriculum can be taken on the Baltimore campus in their MPH program if desired and those credits would count toward the MHA.

JUSTIFICATION/REASONS/RESOURCES (Briefly explain the reason for the proposed action. Identify the source of new resources that may be required. Details should be provided in an attachment.)

No new resources are required. There is interest among medical students in having health care management training and the students in the Department of Health Services Administration would benefit from having the perspectives of the medical student in the classroom.

APPROVAL SIGNATURES - Please print name, sign, and date

1. Department Committee Chair
   [Signature] 

2. Department Chair
   [Signature] 

3. College/School PCC Chair
   [Signature] 6/15/09

4. Dean
   [Signature] 15 June 2009

5. Dean of the Graduate School (if required)
   [Signature] 9/15/09

Vice President Acad Affairs Provost
[Signature] 9/18/09
Mission Statement

The mission of the University of Maryland MD/MHA Dual Degree Program is to provide students with the knowledge to explore opportunities in medicine and health care management.

Program Structure

The University of Maryland MD/MHA Program is a five-year integrated program completed at the University of Maryland School of Medicine, The University of Maryland Graduate School at Baltimore and the University of Maryland Graduate School at College Park. The MHA is a 51 credit program with no electives. No part of the MHA will be altered. The only change is that students will be able to take the five core public health courses required in the MHA within the MPH program offered in the School of Medicine and these courses will count toward the MHA. Both the MHA and the MPH at the School of Medicine are accredited by the Council on Education for Public Health. Both degrees required the same five courses in public health with the same course content. Therefore, the student would enter the MHA with the same core knowledge, regardless of the institution where the courses were taken. Students accepted in the Program will spend their first three years in Medical School, completing Year 1, Year 2, and Year 3 course work. They will have the option of taking core courses required for the MHA at the UMB Campus during Year 1 and 2 and during the pre-matriculation and Summer 1 to complete up to 15 MHA Public Health credits. In Year 4, students will then matriculate in the University of Maryland Graduate School at College Park/SPH Department of Health Services Administration to complete a minimum of 24 MHA credits. In Year 4 Summer, students complete a 3 credit MHA internship. In Year 5 students complete School of Medicine electives (July-Dec) and then 9 to 15 MHA credits (January-April) at College Park.

Admission Process for Prospective Medical Students

Applicants will apply to the Medical School and the Graduate School at College Park at the same time. Each school will independently evaluate and interview the applicant on the same interview day and will make their admission decision separately. Students must maintain a B or better in all medical courses to permit entrance to the Graduate School program at the conclusion of Year 3 and must obtain endorsement by the Medical School’s Medical Education Advisory Committee (MEAC). Both MCAT and GRE scores taken within the past 5 years are required for entrance. Approximately six students are expected to participate.

Admission Process for Current Medical Students

Current medical students are encouraged to discuss their interest in the MD/MHA Program with the Medical School’s Program Coordinator, the Office of Student Research and the MHA Program Coordinator. Admission to the MD/MHA Program will be highly competitive and is not automatic. Applicants are expected to have demonstrated outstanding academic achievement and professionalism in the Medical School and
must have a B or better in all completed medical courses. Students should formally apply to the MD/MHA Program by submitting a Letter of Intent at the end of their Year 2 or by September 1st of their Year 3. The students should include a written personal statement outlining their goals and reasons for pursuing the MD/MHA degree in the Letter of Intent. Applicants must receive Medical School endorsement for admission to the MD/MHA Program through the MEAC. This will include rigorous review of the student’s overall medical school performance, personal statement and any other relevant materials.

Students must also formally apply to the University of Maryland Graduate School by the application deadline. All required application materials to the Graduate School must be submitted including GRE exam scores, letters of recommendation, transcripts and other documents required by the Graduate School. Students are encouraged to schedule an interview through the Graduate School Admissions Office at UMB.

**Curriculum**

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**Tuition**

The UM School of Medicine will require seven semesters of tuition. Tuition for 51 MHA credits will be paid to the respective Graduate School (University of Maryland Baltimore, or University of Maryland College Park) depending on where the coursework is completed. The MHA degree is conferred by the University of Maryland Graduate School, College Park.

**Correspondence and Information**

Program Information:

Medical School Faculty Advisor : Jordan Warnick

MHA Graduate School Program: Laura Wilson
UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND SCHOOL OF MEDICINE
UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND SCHOOL OF PUBLIC HEALTH
MD/MHA Combined Degree Program

Proposed Curriculum

Must take GRE and MCAT for acceptance to programs

Year 1 Standard M1 Curriculum
- Intro to Clinical Medicine I
- Structure and Development
- Cell and Molecular Biology
- Functional Systems
- Neurosciences
- Second Semester – Optional

*Optional - MHA Core Public Health Credits at UMB (3)

Year 1 Summer
*Optional - MHA Core Public Health Credits at UMB (6)

Year 2 Standard M2 Curriculum
- Intro to Clinical Medicine II
- Host Defenses and Infectious Diseases
- Pathophysiology and Therapeutics I
- Pathophysiology and Therapeutics II

Year 2 Summer
Part 1 of the USMLE
*Optional - MHA Core Credit at UMB (3)

Year 3 Standard M3 Curriculum
- Family Medicine-4 wks
- Neurology-4 wks
- Psychiatry-4 wks
- Pediatrics-6 wks
- OB/GYN- 6 wks
- Medicine-12 wks
- Surgery-12 wks

Year 3 Summer
Optional - MHA Core Credits (3-6) at UMB or College Park
Part 2 of the USMLE*

Year 4 MHA Curriculum
MHA Core Courses (College Park) (30 credits)

Year 4 May – July
MHA Capstone Internship (3 credits)

Year 5 Complete Remaining Medical and MHA Graduate School Requirements
- July – December (Medical School)
- Sub-Internship – 8wks
- AHEC -4 weeks
- Medical Electives – 12 wks
- January- April/Early May (Graduate School, College Park)
- MHA Remaining Core Courses – (9 -15 credits)
In recognition of the interdependency of the degrees, the School of Medicine and the University of Maryland Graduate School at College Park confers the MD and MHA degrees only after completion of both degree requirements.

*NOTE: Credit hours taken at UMB marked “optional” will decrease the number taken in year 4 and 5. MHA Credit required are 51 total credits.*