CHANGE IN NAME OF THE DEPARTMENT OF ANESTHESIA

Recommendation

It is recommended that the Board of Governors approve a change in name from the Department of Anesthesia to the Department of Nurse Anesthesia in the Eugene Applebaum College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences, effective October 1, 2002.

Background

The Eugene Applebaum College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences has requested a change in the name of the Department of Anesthesia to the Department of Nurse Anesthesia. The Anesthesia Department offers master’s level preparation for nurses specializing in anesthesia care leading to the Master of Science in Anesthesia. The nurse anesthetist provides high quality anesthesia care in collaboration with an anesthesiologist, physician, or dentist. The program is fully accredited by the Council on Accreditation of Nurse Anesthesia Educational Program. Students completing the program must take a national certification examination to become a Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetist (CRNA).

The name change is requested because of the confusion between the Department of Anesthesia and the Department of Anesthesiology in the School of Medicine. In addition, nationally, departments that house Nurse Anesthesia programs are titled Nurse Anesthesia. The College of Nursing and the School of Medicine were contacted about the change in name and supported the requested change.

Approvals

The change in name to the Department of Nurse Anesthesia has been supported by the Department of Anesthesia, the Health Sciences Divisional Faculty and by Dean Beverly Schmoll.