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June 13, 2003

Dr. Arnett C. Mace, Jr.  
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Dear Dr. Mace:

I am writing to request approval for a department name change from Medical Microbiology and Parasitology to Infectious Disease. I also request that the department graduate degree majors be changed from two (MS or PhD in Medical Microbiology or Parasitology) to one (MS or PhD in Infectious Disease).

Sincerely,

Harry W. Dickerson, B.V.Sc., Ph.D.  
Associate Dean for Research and  
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College of Veterinary Medicine  
*Department of Medical Microbiology and Parasitology*

June 11, 2003

Dr. Keith Prasse, Dean  
College of Veterinary Medicine  
University of Georgia  
Athens, GA 30602

Dear Dr. Prasse:

In accordance with University of Georgia policies and procedures, please find and accept this letter and the accompanying form as our formal request to change the name of the Department of Medical Microbiology and Parasitology to the Department of Infectious Diseases. Of the 14 current faculty members within the department present for the vote, 11 voted yes for the name change, 2 voted no and 1 abstained. The 2 faculty members that voted no left the department as of April 1, 2003.

There are several reasons for requesting this name change, including: 1) the desire to forge a new identity that better represents to the university and outside world our research and teaching focus. We are the only unit on campus designed exclusively for the study of infectious agents of disease and wish to signify this fact. In addition, as we strive to compete more effectively with similar departments in veterinary and human medical schools, we feel this new name will announce that positive changes are occurring in our department; 2) using the new name as a method to enhance intra-departmental cooperation. As you are aware, the departments of Medical Microbiology AND Parasitology were merged fairly recently. This was a difficult process and many historical divisions still remain. We feel that by eliminating reference to both former departments, and selecting a new mutually acceptable name, one more reminder of disunion will be removed; and 3) combining the redundant business, research and educational functions and staffs of the former departments under a single departmental name and command structure. For example, we currently have on paper, separate graduate programs in Medical Microbiology AND Parasitology. As with budgets and other departmental functions, redundancy in the graduate program needs to be eliminated. Therefore, we request that in addition to a change in departmental name, a name change in the major be made. We understand that this will mean going from two majors in the MS program (Parasitology and Medical Microbiology) and two majors in the PhD program (Parasitology and Medical Microbiology) to one major in each (Infectious Diseases). This combining of degrees will in no way affect the curriculum, the available courses or the current advice given to the students by our faculty, it will only change the departmental name on the degrees. We are not eliminating a major, only removing an outdated and redundant set of descriptions.

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Thank you for considering this request and please let me know if you have questions, comments or concerns.

Sincerely yours,



Frederick D. Quinn, PhD

Approved 6/11/03  
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