Graduate Council Resolution
in support of RME Relocating the
Physician Assistant Program from the
College of Applied Sciences and Arts CASA) to the School of Medicine (SOM)

RATIONALE

Whereas, the SIU School of Medicine (SOM) and the SIU PA Program have similar mission statements focusing on enhancing primary care in rural and underserved areas, especially within the state of Illinois, and

Whereas, the PA Program and first year medical students are housed in the same building, and

Whereas, several of courses in the Physician’s Assistant Program (PAP) are also taught in the SOM, and

Whereas having the PAP students and the SOM students together would greatly enhance the concept of the medical team, and

Whereas, PAP faculty were provided opportunities to voice concerns and were satisfied with the explanations, and

Whereas, a meeting of the PAP faculty in the School of Allied Health to discuss and vote on the relocation of the PAP to the SOM, resulted in an affirmative (74% yes vote) for the move

Therefore, be it resolved that the Graduate Council approves the proposed RME for Relocating the Physician Assistant Program from the College of Applied Sciences and Arts (CASA) to the School of Medicine (SOM)