

**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

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**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)