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To: Board Members

Subject: AGENDA ITEM XVII - - Request from Keck Graduate Institute School of Pharmacy

FOR DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION: Request from Keck Graduate Institute School of Pharmacy for Recognition by the Board of Pharmacy Under Section 16 CCR § 1719 for Purposes of Issuing Intern Licenses

Attachment 1

Background:

Current regulation, Title 16 CCR 1719, states that a "recognized school of pharmacy" means a school accredited, or granted candidate status by the Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education (ACPE). Specifically:

1719. Recognized Schools of Pharmacy.

As used in this division, "recognized school of pharmacy" means a school of pharmacy accredited, or granted candidate status, by the Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education or otherwise recognized by the board.

There are three levels to full ACPE accreditation status for new schools of pharmacy: pre-candidate status, candidate status and full accreditation. A school may be granted candidate status once the school has produced its first class of graduates. At this point, section 1719 allows the board to issue intern licenses to current and future students. However, before possessing candidate status and while students are moving through the program at a new school, the school may have pre-candidate status with ACPE. This means that the school is progressing to meet the ACPE accreditation standards but has not yet completed the process nor graduated its first class. In such cases, the board must recognize the school for purposes of issuing an intern license. In order to secure the training expected by ACPE, students need intern licenses.

ACPE does not award pre-candidate status to new schools that are not adequately progressing towards full accreditation.

The Keck Graduate Institute School of Pharmacy has been granted pre-candidate status by the ACPE. The first class of students will be admitted in the fall of 2014. In order for the school's students to secure the training they need, the students need intern licenses. Lacking ACPE candidate status, the board cannot currently issue these licenses to students.

On July 1, 2014 the board received a request from Dr. Kathy D. Webster, Founding Dean asking for board recognition of its program for purposes of issuing intern pharmacist licenses to students attending their program. A copy of the letter from the school requesting recognition by the board is provided in **Attachment 1**.

The ACPE confirmed that Keck Graduate Institute possesses pre-candidate status and is moving through the steps required to ultimately secure ACPE full accreditation.

Attachment 1



KGI

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Dear Dr. Herold,

Pursuant to California Code of Regulation section 1719, I am requesting board approval of the Keck Graduate Institute School of Pharmacy for purposes of issuing intern licenses for schools who possess ACPE precandidate status. The board's recognition of KGI for purposes of issuing intern licenses will ensure that our students are able to pursue intern requirements while they earn their educations and KGI is moving towards full candidate status with ACPE.

I will provide updates to the board on the status of our ACPE accreditation and when we secure candidate status.

Sincerely,

Kathy D. Webster, PharmD, PhD
Founding Dean, Professor