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Professor Peter Lange  
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Dear Peter,

I am writing to inform you of action taken at the January 13<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Academic Programs Committee regarding the School of Medicine's proposal for a transition for Orthopaedic Surgery from a part of the Department of Surgery to Department of Orthopaedic Surgery status. The committee voted unanimously to approve transition as described in the document dated January 2010 ("Division to Department Transition—the Orthopaedic Surgery Case") and the letter of approval by the Clinical Faculty Council from Thomas Ortel on November 12, 2009. The committee was impressed by the careful, thorough development of the proposal. Since this is the second transition of this type in a series that are likely to occur in the School of Medicine, we appreciate the thought that has gone into the matter, as well as our opportunity to participate in the review process.

Sincerely,



Lynn Smith-Lovin  
Robert L. Wilson Professor of Arts and Sciences  
Chair, Academic Programs Committee

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John Simon  
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