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To: Executive Committee of the Academic Council

From: Sally Kornbluth, Provost

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Subject: Duke-NUS Ph.D. Program

I am pleased to submit a resolution from APC and proposal regarding a joint PhD program between Duke University and the National University of Singapore, the Integrated Biology and Medicine PhD program at Duke-NUS. This proposal has been vetted by the Executive Committee of Graduate Faculty (ECGF). The APC on December 2<sup>nd</sup> reviewed the proposal and recommended approval on December 21<sup>st</sup>.

This doctoral program at Duke-NUS has been developed by Professor Patrick Casey, Ph.D. and Associate Professor Silke Vogel, Ph.D. It capitalizes on the medical degree that was initiated in 2005 between Duke University School of Medicine in partnership with the National University of Singapore (NUS) which resulted in the establishment of Duke-NUS Graduate Medical School. The purpose of this application is to bring Duke-NUS's graduate program in Integrated Biology and Medicine (IBM), already sponsored by NUS, in greater alignment with Duke University's graduate programs in biomedical sciences through obtaining sponsorship of the IBM program by Duke University. This will result in the granting of a joint PhD degree between NUS and Duke University for graduating IBM students.

I submit these materials for consideration by ECAC for the January 13<sup>th</sup> meeting and if approved to have them presented to the Academic Council on January 21<sup>st</sup> and voted on at the February 18<sup>th</sup> meeting.

Please contact me if you need any additional information to process this proposal.

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