Name of Policy: **College of Medicine & Life Sciences:** THE UNIVERSITY OF **Separation of Roles Among Academic Advisors to Ensure Confidentiality** and Absence of Conflict of Interest in **Medical Student Promotion and Evaluation Decisions Revision date:** 4/5/24 **Policy Number:** 3364-81-04-025-00 **Approving Officer:** Dean, College of Medicine & Life Original effective date: 01/06/06 Sciences Associate Dean for Student Affairs **Responsible Agent:** College of Medicine & Life Sciences Scope: College of Medicine & Life Sciences M.D. Program \boxtimes New policy proposal Minor/technical revision of existing policy Major revision of existing policy Reaffirmation of existing policy

(A) Policy statement

Medical students have the option to obtain advice about academic issues from individuals who are not involved in making decisions regarding their evaluation or promotion.

In order to prevent conflict of interest in student promotions decisions, the academic advisors in the Office of Student Affairs and the Academic Enrichment Center will not serve as members of the Student Promotions Committee. The associate deans for Foundational Sciences or Clinical Undergraduate Medical Education serve as ex-officio non-voting members of the Student Promotions Committee.

This policy and the roles of various participants in the advisory system will be communicated to medical students.

(B) Purpose of policy

In accordance with LCME Standards, it is essential to have a separation of roles among academic advisors to ensure confidentiality and absence of conflict of interest in medical student promotion and evaluation decisions. Therefore, students should have options to obtain advice about academic issues or academic counseling from individuals who have no role in making promotion or evaluation decisions.

(C) Scope

This policy applies to the College of Medicine and Life Sciences Doctor of Medicine degree program or combined MD programs.

(D) Procedure

If students are assigned to a clinical or preclinical academic experience in which a member of the faculty who has provided them with academic counseling would evaluate them, the student must not be evaluated by that faculty member.

Students subject to mandatory review by the Student Promotions Committee may request that individuals who have provided them with advice about academic issues not be involved in any promotions decision.

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