

RESOLUTION, for the establishment of a new non-thesis MS in Medical Laboratory Science. This program will be administered through the Department of Medical and Molecular Sciences in the College of Health Sciences.

WHEREAS, the Department of Medical and Molecular Sciences (MMS) in the College of Health Sciences offers successful laboratory-based educational programs in the area of Medical Laboratory Science, which offer students skills and knowledge necessary for careers in the biomedical and clinical laboratory sciences based professions, and

WHEREAS, the Department of Medical and Molecular Sciences offers the MS in Medical Sciences to meet the needs of individuals seeking management and leadership positions in the laboratory based professions, and

WHEREAS, the Department of Medical and Molecular Sciences has received many inquiries over the last several years from individuals who are interested in pursuing a entry level technologist MS degree in the clinical laboratory sector, and

WHEREAS, graduates of this MS degree in Medical Laboratory Science will have specialized, in-depth professional skills knowledge and will be highly prepared to succeed within the increasingly complex clinical laboratory science based sector, and

WHEREAS, graduates of the MS degree in the Medical Laboratory Science will receive preparation to sit for the ASCP national certification examination in Medical Laboratory Science, MLS(ASCP), and

WHEREAS, the existing undergraduate and graduate programs within the Department of Medical Laboratory Science already provide the foundational coursework, laboratory teaching and administrative framework for such a program, and,

WHEREAS, the program has received the full support of faculty as well as the faculty in all programs affected by the curriculum, and

WHEREAS, the proposed major contributes to one of the milestones on the University's "path to prominence" to achieve excellence in professional education;

be it therefore RESOLVED, that the Faculty Senate recommends the approval of the establishment of a new non-thesis MS in Medical Laboratory Science