

Resolution on Postponing the Board of Governors' Vote on the Medical Schools Merger

Be it resolved that the University Senate expects the vote on the Medical Schools merger will be removed from the Board of Governors' meeting agenda on Monday, July 10, 2023. No merger vote should be scheduled until the Senate has endorsed a merger plan.

The University Senate calls the Board of Governors' and President of the University's attention to Policy 50.2.2 Section A, where the Senate has regulatory authority over mergers of academic units. That section says, "The Senate shall also regulate formal relationships among academic units within the University, including the organization of the disciplines...." This practice was followed in the mergers of the Nursing (2014) and Law (2015) schools. The University Senate's multiple requests for specific information about this proposed merger have not been addressed.

A vote on the medical school merger at the Board of Governors' meeting on Monday is in violation of University Policy and inconsistent with past practice at Rutgers.