

UNANIMOUSLY APPROVING THE ACADEMIC EQUIVALENCY OF DOCTOR OF MEDICINE (MD) FOR PURPOSES OF ADMISSION TO THE SCIENTIFIC CAREER SYSTEM

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Aware of the provisions of Section 3 of the “Merit System for the Scientific Career System (MSSCS) CY 2006,” wherein the Scientific Career System (SCS) is a system of recruitment, career progression, recognition and reward of scientists in the public service; Recognizing that there are medical doctors in the government service who demonstrate exemplary performance in their research undertakings and are scientifically productive thus, are deserving to enter SCS;

Recognizing the need to set the equivalency of MD to MS and PhD degrees to standardize the minimum entry requirements for medical doctors who may be deemed qualified for admission to the System;

HEREBY UNANIMOUSLY APPROVES that for purposes of admission and upgrading of scientific ranks in the Scientific Career System, Doctor of Medicine (MD) is equivalent to Master of Science (MS) degree and that a medical doctor with scientific paper published in an ISI or peer-reviewed journal and have residency and/or fellowship training is comparable to those with Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) degree. It must be understood, however, that nominations from the Medical Sciences shall still be subject to existing policies and procedures of SCS.

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