Recommendation from the faculty of the Department of Health Sciences and the School of Allied Health Professions that the Occupational Therapy Program and its faculty become the "Department of Occupational Therapy."

RATIONALE: 1. Currently, the Occupational Therapy Program operates rather autonomously with several other programs within the Department of Health Sciences.

2. Since its inception in 1974, the Occupational Therapy Program has grown from one faculty person (Program CHP-537) to five faculty and one academic staff Clinical Lecturer (Program CHP-3, 547) in 1980-81. In addition, 50 Clinical Instructors support the senior year course of study.

3. Currently, the Program accepts 50-55 students/year into its professional component (at the junior year), turning away an additional 40-60/year.

4. Given the strong identity and well-developed focus of the Occupational Therapy Program, departmental status is viewed as appropriate and in the School's best interest.

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