Proposal for the formation of a Department of Emergency Medicine:

Our Task: Review the proposal and draft recommendations for the academic senate

Summary
The current structure has resulted in a very productive division with faculty holding positions in several esteemed academic societies and societal journals.

The departments (divisions) of emergency medicine currently seem to function independently from their assigned Department

It appears that the Emergency Department is actually listed as a Division within the Department of Medicine

Pros

1. Emergency medicine is not a medical subspecialty and it makes sense to be an independent department. Emergency Medicine has come into its own with respect to being its own academic discipline
2. Improved unity with a positive impact on faculty, teaching, and research
3. Approval for a residency program has already been approved by the RRC
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Cons

1. Lack of revenue through the current parent Department (i.e medicine)
2. Is there the required space for the proposed administrative and research support?
3. The finances are separate at the three sites. This is not unusual for divisions spread amongst several sites, but there can be an inequity in revenue flow. Will this be a problem?
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Thoughts/Issues/Concerns

1. The residency program plans to expand by 10-12 residents per year between 2008 and 2012. Is this realistic? 40 -48 residents by 2012?