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Dear MUSC Colleagues

It is my distinct pleasure to announce the appointment of Kathleen T. Brady, MD, PhD as Vice President for Research at the Medical University of South Carolina (MUSC). This appointment follows a national search, which included on-campus interviews of a highly competitive candidate pool.

Dr. Brady’s scientific leadership at MUSC has been extraordinary starting with her appointment as an assistant professor in the Department of Psychiatry in 1989 through her being awarded Distinguished University Professor in 2010, and her multiple key leadership responsibilities focused on research in the College of Medicine (COM) and university-wide. To name just a few of her many accomplishments, Dr. Brady has served as the associate dean for clinical and translational sciences in the COM, director of the General Clinical Research Center, spearheaded the South Carolina Clinical and Translational Research Institute, and served as principal investigator for two highly successful submissions for the NIH-funded clinical and translational science awards. Since 2012, Dr. Brady has served as associate provost for clinical and translational science, and in 2014 she assumed the additional responsibility of interim associate provost for research, which includes being the MUSC Institutional Official for Research.

Dr. Brady received her BS in psychology from Fordham University, a PhD in pharmacology from the Medical College of Virginia, and her MD with residency in psychiatry from MUSC. Dr. Brady has gained international prominence for her research in addiction psychiatry with a remarkable track record of NIH funding and publications. Her many awards and appointments include being named the Distinguished Psychiatrist Lecturer at the 157th Annual American Psychiatric Association Meeting, receiving the Founders’ Award from the American Academy of Addiction Psychiatry, chairing the Board of Scientific Counselors of the National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism and being president-elect of the International Society for Addiction Medicine. She has mentored over 30 faculty and post-doctoral fellows which led, in part, to her receiving the MUSC Women Scholars Faculty Advancement Award in 2013. She is also a recipient of the South Carolina Women of Achievement Award from the Governor’s Commission on Women.

The Vice President for Research has oversight of the Office of Research and its associated divisions. As the MUSC Institutional Official for Research, Dr. Brady will have responsibility for accreditation and regulatory affairs, university-wide promotion of research across its colleges and centers, representing the president and provost on matters internally and externally, and identifying institutional research strategies and benchmarks through the university’s strategic plan, Imagine MUSC 2020.
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I express appreciation to Dr. Steven Kautz who served as chair of the search and screen committee advancing Dr. Brady's candidacy. Their process of review was deliberate, national in scope, and included deans, basic science and clinical department chairs, and faculty and staff from across the MUSC enterprise.

We are fortunate to have an individual of Dr. Brady’s caliber assume the position of Vice President for Research, and I ask all to join me in welcoming her to this permanent role.

Sincerely,

Mark S. Sothmann, PhD
Provost

cc: David J. Cole, MD, FACS, President