MUSC BOT approves new dean for College of Medicine

Raymond N. DuBois M.D., Ph.D., will begin role March 1st, 2016

Charleston, S.C. (Dec. 11, 2015) – The Medical University of South Carolina (MUSC) Board of Trustees has approved the appointment of Raymond N. DuBois M.D., Ph.D., as the next dean of the College of Medicine (COM). DuBois will assume his new role effective March 1st, 2016 and will have an academic appointment as professor in the COM, while also holding an appointment in the Hollings Cancer Center.

The naming of DuBois follows an eight month-long, extensive national search which resulted in a highly competitive candidate pool. The University owes a debt of gratitude to Paul Lambert, M.D., chair of the Dean Search Committee, and all its members for their deliberative process in vetting the candidates.

“The feedback from multiple MUSC constituencies presented a consensus view that DuBois has the unique balance of academic experience, demonstrated leadership success, and the collaborative team building skills needed to lead the College of Medicine forward as we embrace exciting opportunities and challenges ahead,” said David J. Cole, M.D., MUSC President.

DuBois received his B.S. and Ph.D. degrees in Biochemistry from Texas A&M University and the University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center at Dallas, respectively. He received his M.D. degree from the University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio and completed his internship, residency and fellowship training in gastroenterology at Johns Hopkins University Hospital. DuBois currently serves as executive director of the Bodesign Institute at Arizona State University which focuses on health solutions and biomedical science through 14 research centers conducting broad based interdisciplinary research. Prior to his appointment at Arizona State DuBois was provost and executive vice president at the University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center overseeing all research, education, training and faculty development, including collaborative agreements with more than 25 institutions globally. Prior
to joining MD Anderson, DuBois was a professor at Vanderbilt University Medical Center in the departments of Internal Medicine and Cancer Biology, director of the Vanderbilt-Ingram Cancer Center, and prior to that, chief of Gastroenterology, Hepatology and Nutrition.

An active cancer researcher with more than 25 years of continuous funding from the National Institutes of Health, DuBois has an extensive list of scientific publications and has received numerous national and international honors. He has served in many leadership roles, among them as past president of the American Association for Cancer Research (AACR) and the International Society for Gastrointestinal Cancer. DuBois will continue his leadership in cancer discovery through his ongoing research, engagement with the National Cancer Institute, and through partnership with the Hollings Cancer Center. He also currently serves on the Executive Management Committee for the Stand Up to Cancer Foundation and is the president and chair of the AACR Foundation Board.

“We express deep gratitude to Dr. Deborah Deas, who has served as interim dean of the College of Medicine since September of 2014,” said Mark Sothmann, Ph.D., MUSC provost. “Through her leadership the College has continued its progress with key department/division hires, strategic planning within the College, interfacing with the University’s strategic planning process, and engagement with the formation of MUSC Health and numerous other initiatives within MUSC and statewide. I’m pleased that we’ve determined a new position for Dr. Deas so she will continue to provide the College and our University her leadership skills in the years ahead.”

Deborah Deas, M.D., will begin a new MUSC role on July 1, 2016 as the associate provost for University Strategic Advancement. In this role, she will work directly with executive leadership across the MUSC enterprise to ensure coordinated implementation of the five-year, Imagine MUSC 2020 strategic plan.

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