



Message from the President

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It is with deep regret that I write to inform you that Dr. Garland Anderson has submitted his letter of resignation and will step down as Executive Vice President, Provost and Dean of the School of Medicine, effective Aug. 31, 2011.

Dr. Anderson has served UTMB with honor over the years and has provided extraordinary leadership during some of the institution's most challenging times. He leaves his current post with a long list of accomplishments, accolades, and the deep appreciation of the entire UTMB community.

Fortunately, Dr. Anderson is not retiring. He has graciously agreed to return, after a short and well-deserved sabbatical, as Special Advisor to the President for Clinical & Educational Programs. In this new role, he will provide strategic counsel on the challenges and opportunities that environmental factors such as health system reform, reimbursement changes and the growth of international health sciences education programs represent for UTMB.

I am pleased to announce that Dr. Cary Cooper, Dean of the Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences, has accepted the role of Interim Executive Vice President and Provost, and that Dr. Don Prough, Chair of Anesthesiology, has agreed to serve as Interim Dean for the School of Medicine. Both appointments are effective Sept. 1, 2011, and Drs. Cooper and Prough will be meeting with Provost's Office staff in the coming weeks to begin their transition into these roles.

I am in the process of forming a broad-based search committee and have asked Dr. Cooper and Ms. Donna Sollenberger, Executive Vice President and Chief Executive Officer of UTMB's Health System, to chair the search. Details will follow in the coming weeks.

In the meantime, please join me in thanking Dr. Anderson for his many contributions to UTMB and for his leadership over the years. Thank you, also, to Drs. Cooper and Prough for agreeing to serve UTMB in these new roles.

Dr. David Callender
President



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