



Dear Susan & Henry Samueli College of Health Sciences Advisory Board Members,

On behalf of Chancellor Gillman, I am pleased to share this news with you before it becomes public. We have appointed Mark Lazenby as dean of the Sue & Bill Gross School of Nursing, effective January 1, 2022. As steadfast supporters of the Susan & Henry Samueli College of Health Sciences, you have been critical to the emergence of the school, and we want you to be among the first to know.

Professor Lazenby was chosen after a nationwide search. Since 2019, he has served as professor of nursing and associate dean for faculty and student affairs in the School of Nursing at the University of Connecticut. In this role, he provides strategic vision and direction for faculty, staff and students as well as administration for the school's global and honors programs and its offices of enrollment management, advising, teaching and learning, and diversity, equity and inclusion. He also serves on the strategic planning and global affairs committees for the university.



Professor Lazenby earned an MSN from the Yale University School of Nursing, where he was on the faculty from 2010-19. Initially a philosophy scholar, having earned his PhD at Boston University, he later became interested in nursing and has devoted his career to developing culturally and spiritually sensitive palliative care interventions and to being a thought leader on the profession's significance in contemporary times.

He was the principal investigator for a five-year research initiative funded by the American Cancer Society to develop palliative care intervention for Muslims. He has authored two books, "Caring Matters Most: The Ethical Significance of Nursing," and "Toward a Better World: The Social Significance of Nursing." Professor Lazenby is a fellow of the American Academy of Nursing and the American Psychosocial Oncology Society.

We thank the search committee and its chair, Bernadette Boden-Albala, Director and Founding Dean, Program in Public Health and Professor, Health, Society and Behavior, for their contributions to this process. We extend our appreciation to Adey Nyamathi, Founding Dean and Distinguished Professor, who continues to lead the Sue & Bill Gross School of Nursing through the end of the calendar year. A celebration will take place in the fall to honor her many contributions to UCI.

We are grateful for your ongoing support and commitment and look forward to introducing you to Professor Lazenby when he joins the Anteater family in January. We will continue to keep you up-to-date throughout the transition process and beyond.

Sincerely,

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