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Subject: ON BEHALF OF SENIOR ASSOCIATE DEAN JENSEN ~ Dr. Berger Appointed Associate Dean for Undergraduate and Graduate Student Education and Postdoctoral Training

Dear Larner Community,

I am very pleased to announce the appointment of Christopher Berger, Ph.D., to the newly created role of Associate Dean for Undergraduate and Graduate Student Education and Postdoctoral Training, effective immediately.

Since 2019 Dr. Berger has been Associate Dean for Graduate and Postdoctoral Training at the Larner College of Medicine. In his new role, he will also oversee all of the functions of the College in relation to undergraduate educational offerings, including undergraduate research and supporting laboratory and non-laboratory infrastructure, and coordination with other UVM colleges for the development and oversight of cross-college programs.

Dr. Berger received his Ph.D. in Biochemistry at the University of Minnesota in 1991, and continued his research examining the molecular mechanism of muscle contraction as a post-doctoral associate at the University of Pennsylvania. He joined the University of Vermont as an assistant professor of Molecular Physiology & Biophysics in 1994, was promoted to Associate Professor with Tenure in 2000, and full Professor in 2016. Dr. Berger also has a secondary appointment in the Department of Biochemistry. His current research work, funded by the National Institutes of Health, focuses on the molecular mechanisms responsible for axonal transport, a critical process for the development and viability of neurons. This research has important implications for the understanding of a number of neurodegenerative diseases including Alzheimer's, progressive supranuclear palsy, frontotemporal dementia, and KAND (KFA1A associated neurological disorder).

Please join me in congratulating Dr. Berger in this newly expanded role, and supporting his important work in developing outstanding programs for undergraduate and graduate students and postdoctoral trainees at the College.

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