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Subject: ON BEHALF OF DEAN PAGE AND DR DESCHAMPS - Announcement: Interim Chair of Anesthesiology

Dear Colleagues,

We are writing you today to announce that Professor of Anesthesiology Melissa Davidson, M.D., will become Interim Chair of Anesthesiology, effective September 1, upon the retirement of current Chair Donald Mathews, M.D.

Dr. Davidson has been a member of our faculty since 2013, and since 2017 has served the Larner College of Medicine well as Associate Dean for Graduate Medical Education and Designated Institutional Official at the UVM Medical Center. She will continue to retain both those roles while serving as Interim Chair.

Her service to the Larner College of Medicine and UVM Medical Center has included the directorship of anesthesia education and chairing the anesthesiology residency Clinical Competence Committee. At the UVM Medical Center, Dr. Davidson created the Chief Resident Leadership Workshop, and she led the revision of the anesthesiology resident education curriculum with a focus on its evaluation system. She is a member of the Larner Teaching Academy Task Force, and in 2015 she was inducted as a Distinguished Educator of the Teaching Academy. Her service nationally includes membership in The American Society of Anesthesiologists, and involvement in The Society for Education in Anesthesia (SEA), where she has served on the Committee for ACGME Competencies and the Committee on Research in Education. She is a current member of the SEA Board of Directors and co-director of the annual Workshop on Teaching, as well as senior editor for the American Board of Anesthesiology certification exam.

Dr. Davidson has earned universal respect as a clinician, educator and administrator. We are delighted that she has agreed to serve in this interim role as we undertake a national search for the next Chair of this important department.

We are also most grateful for Dr. Mathews' leadership during a crucial period for the Department of Anesthesiology, and wish him all the best in the future.

Sincerely,

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