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Dear Larner College of Medicine Community,

After ably serving as Professor of Medicine and Senior Associate Dean for Research since 2015, Gordon Jensen, M.D., Ph.D., has announced his intention to retire as of June 30, 2022.

Dr. Jensen came to our institution from Penn State University, where he led the Department of Nutritional Sciences, and previously held positions at Vanderbilt University and Geisinger Medical Center. Throughout the difficult environment of the past two years, he has overseen significant growth in the College's research program, and led the task of guiding researchers through the challenges caused by the Covid-19 pandemic.

Dr. Jensen has been a key figure in the planning and building of the Firestone Medical Research Building on our campus. His leadership led to a \$5.47 million grant from the National Institutes of Health in September 2020 to fund the creation of the UVM Center for Biomedical Shared Resources, which will be located on the ground floor of the Firestone Building.

In addition to his role at our College, Dr. Jensen was appointed in 2019 to the newly-created parallel role of University of Vermont Health Network Director of Research, which expanded the opportunities of our research community across all the partners in the UVM Health Network.

I know that I speak for our community when I thank Dr. Jensen and wish him and his wife, Sarah, all the best in the next chapter in their lives. In the meantime, I want to express my personal thanks to Dean Jensen for his partnership and support since my arrival in 2018, and for his continued efforts in the next six months.

We will undertake a national search to recruit our next Senior Associate Dean for Research, and will provide updates on this process in the coming weeks.

Sincerely,

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