



From the Dean



Dear School of Medicine Community,

I am pleased to announce the appointment of Laurae Pearson as Associate Dean of Administration and Finance in the [UCSF School of Medicine Vice Dean's Office at ZSFG](#), effective July 15, 2024.

Laurae began her UCSF at ZSFG career as an administrative assistant in the Division of Infectious Diseases and the Division of Rheumatology, then served as Division Manager of the Epidemiology and Preventions Interventions (EPI) Center and as the inaugural Manager of the Division of Experimental Medicine. In 2015, she was appointed Director of Administration and Finance for the Department of Medicine at ZSFG.

A UCSF DEI champion, Laurae has made significant contributions as Co-chair of the UCSF Committee on the Status of Women and as a member of the Chancellor's Council on Campus Climate, Culture, and Inclusion. With a wealth of administrative experience and a passion for fostering a collaborative and supportive environment, Laurae embodies the principles and values we uphold in the Dean's Office. As a reflection of her dedication and accomplishments, she

received the 2012 Holly Smith Award for Exceptional Service, the 2020 Chancellor Award for Exceptional University Management, and the 2023 Chancellor Award for the Advancement of Women.

I want to thank Amal Smith, Associate Dean of Financial Affairs for the UCSF School of Medicine, for serving as the chair of the search committee for this role, and to Esther Chen, Chris Colwell, Lorel Hiramoto, Vanessa Jacoby, Alicia Murasaki, Erik Wu, and Samantha Yee, for their participation on the committee.

I have no doubt that in her new role, Laurae will prioritize empowering and supporting all community members as she works to assess processes that support the UCSF mission-critical research and academic operations at ZSFG. Please join me in congratulating Laurae and welcoming her to the Dean's Office.

Sincerely,

Talmadge E. King, Jr., MD

Dean, UCSF School of Medicine



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