

SCUHS Selects Executive Committee, Adds Board Members

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WHITTIER, Calif. - During its February session, the Southern California University of Health Sciences (SCUHS) Board of Regents announced its new Executive Committee. Named to head the committee are Andrea D. Sinclair, DC, chairperson; John D. Hemauer, DC, vice chair; and Mark M. Dederichs, DC, LAc, secretary. Rounding out the committee are board members Sam C. Liang, LAc, and William Valusek, DC.

Dr. Sinclair, a 1993 Los Angeles College of Chiropractic graduate, practices in Anaheim, Calif. Dr. Hemauer, also an LACC alumnus (class of '59), operates a practice in Whittier. Dr. Dederichs, who practices both chiropractic and Oriental medicine, received his acupuncture degree from SCUHS and his chiropractic degree from Cleveland Chiropractic College.

With Mr. Liang and Dr. Valusek advancing to the executive committee, two new members were also selected to the 12-member board of regents: David G. Madison, DC, of Riverside; and Richard M. Burger, DC, of San Diego.

SCUHS President Reed B. Phillips, DC, PhD, acknowledged the expanding interdisciplinary standards the board must oversee within the coming years:

"The entire field of health care is going through a dramatic change," he commented. "With the increasing popularity of alternative medicine and the strengthening bonds between medical doctors and those who graduate from our university - we are seeing health care redefined. The public truly has a choice in what kind of care it wants, and our institution is doing its part to graduate doctors of chiropractic, and acupuncturists who can work with traditional physicians in order to enhance the overall well-being of today's family."

Logan Faculty Member to Serve on State Advisory Council; New Administrators Welcomed

The Missouri State Advisory Council on Pain and Symptom Management has appointed Deanna Bates, DC, of Logan College of Chiropractic as its representative for the chiropractic profession. Dr. Bates is an assistant professor in the school's Chiropractic Science Division and a clinician at the Logan Student Health Center.

Nominated for the council by the Missouri State Board of Chiropractic Examiners, Dr. Bates will work with other professionals representing anesthesiology, dentistry, medical pain management, nursing, pharmacy, physician assistant services, physical therapy, psychiatry and state government. She is a 1986 graduate of Northwestern College of Chiropractic and has been a Logan faculty member since 1997.

The purpose of the council is to assemble an annual report on pain for the director of the Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services, state legislative bodies and the office of Missouri Gov.

Bob Holden. The report addresses concerns such as state policy recommendations, health care educator pain management requirements, and improvements to the health care system as they relate to pain.

In other Logan news, the college recently welcomed two additions to its faculty: Kimberly R. Allen, MA, associate dean of students; and Joyce Hoth, MS-Ed, director of the William M. Harris, DC, Sports/Wellness Center.

Formerly with the University of Missouri-St. Louis (UM), where she was the vice chancellor of student affairs, Ms. Allen's background includes managing residential life and housing for UM, and as the residential life administrator for Colorado College at New York University. She holds her degree in student personnel administration in higher education from Ball State University in Muncie, Ind.

Joyce Hoth obtained her Master of Science in Education degree in kinesiology and exercise physiology at Southern Illinois University. She also holds a bachelor's degree in wellness program management from Graceland University in Lamont, Iowa, and is a certified personal trainer with the American Council on Exercise.

Helping Decathletes Get to the 2004 Summer Olympics

In March, Dale Alt, DC, of Beaver Dam, Wisc., was selected as an attending physician for The Greatest Athletes of the World Decathlon Club, whose members are preparing for the Olympic Decathlon, to be held at the Summer Olympics in Greece in August.

Dr. Alt, a Palmer Chiropractic College graduate with experience in rehabilitative therapy, will be assisting Olympic hopefuls training in Missoula, Mont., one of five sites across the country designated as training centers. Depending on his schedule, Dr. Alt may also accompany the decathletes to Italy, Austria and Germany for major competitions in the next several months, leading up to the U.S. Olympic Qualifying Trials in Sacramento, Calif., where the 2004 U.S. Olympic Team will be selected.

"My goal is to do whatever I can to help our team go to Athens and win the gold," affirmed Dr. Alt. "Certainly, I hope to be on the track when we do!"

The mission of the nonprofit club is "assisting selected post-collegiate USA decathletes in their preparation for both national and international level competitions." Its advisory board includes former Olympic superstars such as Bruce Jenner, Rafer Johnson and Bob Mathias; Tom Pappas, the 2003 world champion in the decathlon and the heptathlon, is a current club member.

Another member of the club is Olympic Decathlon gold medalist (1968) and National Track and Field Hall-of-Famer Bill Toomey, who describes chiropractic as "one more tool that can benefit the decathlon competitor, due to the enormous amount of stress he [or she] imposes during training and competition."

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