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UT SOUTHWESTERN MEDICAL CENTER AT DALLAS NAMES ADMINISTRATORS TO NEW POSTS

DALLAS – Feb. 12, 2001 – Three campus administrators have been appointed to new positions at UT Southwestern Medical Center at Dallas.

Dr. John McConnell has been named executive vice president for administration, John Roan is now executive vice president for business affairs and Dr. John Rutherford has been appointed vice president for clinical operations.

The recent retirement of Dr. Peter Fitzgerald necessitated the reorganization of administrative responsibilities, according to Dr. Kern Wildenthal, president of UT Southwestern. Fitzgerald had served as executive vice president for business affairs since March 1988.

“All the people who are changing their titles and responsibilities have performed exceptionally well in their previous roles and have proven their administrative capabilities,” Wildenthal said. “I am very happy that they’ll now have some added responsibilities.”

With the reorganization, Wildenthal said, the new administrators will be responsible for the following areas:

- McConnell will be over space and resource planning, the administration of research support services and library information systems, and Internet coordination. He also will serve as UT Southwestern’s primary administrative liaison with Children’s Medical Center of Dallas. McConnell will give up his role as chairman of urology, but will continue to have a limited practice in urology and will continue some of his research.

- Roan will assume overall responsibility for physical facilities and activities that are under the direction of Kirby Vahle, vice president for facilities management, in addition to his previous duties as senior vice president for business affairs.

- Rutherford, previously the associate dean for clinical affairs, now has responsibility for outpatient programs and a variety of other clinical activities. He will continue to serve as chief of cardiology, teach, care for patients and do research.

With the reorganization, Dr. Robert Alpern, dean of the medical school, will also assume some additional responsibilities, Wildenthal said. One of those is the oversight of the Office of Academic Integrity. Dr. Dennis Stone will continue in his role as vice president for technology transfer.

A search committee will be appointed by Alpern to fill the position of chairman of urology. A search already is under way for a dean of the graduate school, Wildenthal said.

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