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The University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center at Dallas 214/698-3404 5323 Harry Hines Boulevard Dallas, Texas 75235-9060 ****New Business Administrator Appointed by UT Southwestern

DALLAS--Peter H. Fitzgerald, an administrator formerly with the University of Houston, became Executive Vice President for Business Affairs at The University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center at Dallas Mar. 1.

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Fitzgerald, 48, holds a doctorate from Stanford University in the field of organizational and administrative studies in higher education. He replaces Julius Weeks, a longtime medical center administrator who retired earlier this year.

"Dr. Fitzgerald brings to this institution a deep knowledge of all aspects of educational administration. I'm confident that his talents will be of exceptional benefit," said Dr. Kern Wildenthal, president of UT Southwestern, in announcing the appointment.

Fitzgerald was vice president for administration and chief fiscal officer at the University of Houston from 1982 until 1988. He was associate vice president of administration for planning and budget and director of policy and operations analysis for the University of Kentucky at Lexington for six years before coming to Texas.

In anticipation of his new post at Southwestern, Fitzgerald said:

"My sense is that the administrative units are highly professionalized on the financial side, and I think I will profit from that. We will want to stress the importance of a good attractive physical environment in fostering the best academic climate at UT Southwestern."

The new administrator attended Manhattan College in Riverdale, N.Y., where he received a bachelor of arts degree in history in 1961. He received a master of arts degree in English from the University of Maine at Orono, Maine, in 1965. He received a doctorate in higher education administration from Stanford in 1972.

The administrator has served on the faculty of the College Business Management Institute of the Southern Association of College and University Business Officers and is a member of the editorial board of the National Association of College and University Business Officers.

Fitzgerald and his wife, Anne, have four children.

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