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CARMENCITA D. PADILLA, MD, MAHPS

The Chancellor

University of the Philippines Manila

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THRU: **Nymia Pimentel Simbulan, MPH, Dr PH**

Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs

CARLO IRWIN A. PANELO, MD, MA

Chair, Search Committee for the Next Dean of the College of Dentistry

RE: Nomination of the Next Dean of the College of Dentistry

Dear **Chancellor Carmencita D. Padilla**,

It is an honor and privilege to submit this nomination letter for the next Dean of the College of Dentistry. I am nominating *Dr. Michelle C. Sunico-Segarra*.

Throughout her career, she has made evident her willingness to serve. Her curriculum vitae will attest to this. Listed below are the highlights of her vocation in support of this nomination:

1. As she is fondly called, Dr. Michelle has been a faculty of UPCD since 1992 and has since been involved in the Oral Anatomy and Restorative Dentistry didactic instruction, lectures, and laboratory supervision in its pre-clinical and clinical courses.

She has successfully redesigned these courses to be effective while conducted remotely (online) and continuously contributing to the education of dentistry students, as seen in a consistent student evaluation (SET) rating of "Outstanding".

2. She has demonstrated her leadership qualities and administrative capability in the positions she holds and has held within the college, university, and external organizations, be it local or international. She actively participates and generously devotes her time and expertise to several university and college committees, whether as a member or chairperson.

In particular, she demonstrates her commitment to raising the operational and administrative standards of the college to be compliant with internal and external auditors to help achieve excellence in a higher education institution. With research as one of the main functions of the university, Dr. Michelle facilitates the increase in the number of publications of faculty members in her role as the Chairperson of the UPM Research Publication Assistance Committee. She is also a member of the UPM NIH Research Ethics Board.

Dr. Michelle has been president of several dental organizations. Currently, she holds the position of President of the Academy of Dentistry International, Republic of the Philippines Section.

3. Her academic attainments include:
 - a. Doctor of Dental Medicine in 1991 from UPM College of Dentistry
 - b. Master of Occupational Health – UPM College of Public Health (2001)

- c. Research Fellow – Nippon Dental University, Niigata, Japan (1998-2000)
- d. PhD in Dental Sciences (Cariology & Operative Dentistry) – The Tokyo Medical and Dental University (2014-2018).

On top of these, she is currently pursuing post-graduate study as a Doctor of Health Professions Education (DrHPed) at the UP Manila National Teachers Training Center for the Health Professions (2021 - ongoing).

4. Dr. Michelle has been granted several awards as a part of the academic community, as a public speaker, researcher, and writer. She has more than 20 publications in local and international journals and is actively involved as a research adviser, co-author, panelist, and peer reviewer. She served as Editor of the Journal of the Philippine Dental Association.
5. Resource generation is also one of Dr. Michelle's talents. She started cultivating this function in 2004 when she organized the Asia Dental Forum with Tokyo Medical and Dental University. And in 2010, the 1st Comprehensive Restorative and Esthetic Dentistry (CRED) continuing education for dentists was offered. This was followed by a series of seminars and continuing education activities organized with the University of the Philippines Dental Alumni Association (UPDAA).

Subsequently, training in Oral Surgery was added to the continuing education course offerings. The income generated from these activities was used partly for PACUCOA activities, for the student mentoring program, the improvement of the college Alumni Room, Centennial Room, Faculty Lounge, and soon for the renovation of the cafeteria.

6. Born in Quezon City and growing up in Manila and Parañaque, Dr. Michelle is a Filipino with the best interest of Filipinos in her heart. In several instances, she has shown this with her involvement in several non-government health organizations. She is involved in training dentists to become better in the practice of dentistry. She advocates for reducing the use of mercury in health care. She is also a part of the UPCD COVID Crisis Management Committee.

The list above is only a glimpse of what Dr. Michelle has to offer. She continues to be a strong and essential asset to the College of Dentistry as a faculty member and a leader.

Thank you for this opportunity to nominate her as the next Dean. We look forward to seeing her lead the College of Dentistry to greatness.

Sincerely,

Jessica K. Rebueno Santos, DDM, MCD
Chair, Department of Community Dentistry
University of the Philippines College of Dentistry

Conforme:

Michelle C. Sunico-Segarra, DDM, MOH, PhD (Cariology & Operative Dentistry)
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April 29, 2022

To: Dr. Carlo Irwin A. Panelo, MD, MA
Chair, Search Committee for the next Dean of the College of Dentistry

Dear Sir,

It is with great pleasure that I write this letter to nominate Dr. Michelle Sunico-Segarra as the next Dean of the College of Dentistry. Dr. Segarra has exceptional credentials as a dentist, teacher, researcher, administrator and leader.

Dr. Segarra has passionately served the UP College of Dentistry (UPCD) for thirty years. She has held several administrative positions for the college and headed several committees throughout her years of service. I have had the privilege to have her as my teacher more than 10 years ago. As a teacher in charge of Oral Anatomy, she was one of the first teachers encountered in dentistry. Her enthusiasm in teaching, passion in making interactive slides and compassionate way of instilling essential skills in dentistry is something we carried along after we graduated. Even then as a student, I have always admired her dedication to research as evidenced by her numerous publications and research presentations in both local and international venues. She has always been at the forefront of the research thrust of the college and continues to be a perennial choice as a research adviser for students. She has also served as the Editor-in-Chief of the Journal of the Philippine Dental Association (PDA) for the years 2010 and 2011 and is a peer-reviewer for the European Journal of Dentistry, Acta Medica Philippina and the Philippine Journal of Health Research and Development. Currently, she is the Chairperson of the UPCD Research Facilities, Instruments, Training and Management Committee and the Chairperson of the UP Manila Research and Publication assistance committee.

True to her core as an educator, Dr. Segarra puts prime consideration on continuing education as she shares her expertise to her colleagues not only as a constant scientific resource person for the PDA and its local chapters and affiliate groups but also as chair/co-chair of the very crucial Scientific Sessions Committees of PDA throughout the years. She also serves as assistant Course Director of the UP College of Dentistry Comprehensive Restorative and Esthetic Dentistry program which is a post graduate short course offered by the college. She is also currently the president of the Philippine Section of the Academy of Dentistry International which is an honors society for dental academicians. Her tireless dedication has made it possible for colleagues in the dental profession to be more up-to-date and abreast with practices here and abroad.

As a life-long learner, her hunger for continuous learning and education is evident on how she continues to study despite already having a PhD degree from Tokyo Medical and Dental University. Her fervent desire to help improve UPCD and understand more about health professions education has led her to study and take her Doctor of Health Professions Education Degree.

As a leader, Dr. Michelle Segarra demonstrates progressive-visioning and an empathic and collaborative type of leadership that would be beneficial for the college. Throughout her career as a dentist and an academician she has consistently demonstrated "Honor and Excellence" in all her undertakings. She is an inspiring mentor to new faculty members like me.

More than all these credentials, it is her integrity as a person that makes her most fitted for the position. Thank you for considering this nomination.

With much respect,

Dr. Marie Rossini Carmela T. Lachica, DDM, MScD
Assistant Professor, UPCD

Conforme:

Michelle S. Segarra, DMD, MOH, PhD
Nominee

May 2, 2022

Dr. Nymia Pimentel-Simbulan
Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs
University of the Philippines – Manila

THRU: The Search Committee for the Next Dean of the UP College of
Dentistry

Dear Dr. Nymia Pimentel-Simbulan,

Greetings!

In light of the call for nominations for the next Dean of the College of Dentistry, I would like to nominate Dr. Michelle Sunico-Segarra for the position.

I have met Dr. Segarra many years back as a Dentistry Proper student and ever since then, she was only known to have harmonious relations with students, co-faculty, administrative staff, alumni, and different organizations in our profession.

As an undergraduate student in Dentistry, I have met across many obstacles – financially, academically, emotionally and mentally, in which I came to the point of almost giving up on my course. During those times, even though she was not my adviser nor the College Secretary or Dean, Dr. Segarra had been very much encouraging, not just in words, but also in action. Truly, I might have not pursued being a dentist back then, if it were not for the words of wisdom and encouragement of Dr. Segarra. And truth be told, I am not an isolated case. I have seen and heard many stories like mine, and Dr. Segarra's passion, not just in teaching courses in the profession per se, but also in the holistic approach of teaching, will be very much beneficial to the struggling students of Dentistry, especially to those who are already on the verge of graduating. Moreover, in the course of my undergraduate studies before, I have been privileged to work/facilitate for the College's continuing education programs, in which Dr. Segarra was the main coordinator / course director. During those times, I have witnessed Dr. Segarra's work ethics and relations as well as her leadership, which is very much exceptional. She is very organized, economical and goal-oriented but never lacking empathy for those whom are under her authority. It is from her that I have learned how to become strict while keeping the work environment harmonious and apt to work in. Furthermore, when it comes to the field of our profession there is nothing I can say more about her credibility. Her outstanding academic and professional achievements have inspired many of us who have been privileged to learn under her tutelage, to tread the same academic and professional path. Lastly, Dr. Segarra is very much capable of finding ways for resource generation for the College. In this matter, I think her technical know-how of dental and research equipment combined with her expertise in our field and her good relations with other experts as well will come very much handy in this aspect.

It is with the abovementioned, among many other traits and credentials, that I strongly believe that Dr. Segarra is the best candidate to run for Deanship for my alma mater. I hope you and your office would consider my nomination.

Thank you for your time and consideration!

Respectfully,

Anne Therese D. Bati, D.D.M.
Coordinator for Research
PGH Department of Hospital Dentistry
UPCD Batch 2005

Conforme:

Michelle S. Segarra, DMD, MOH, PhD
Nominee

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WE THE UNDERSIGNED NON-ACADEMIC
PERSONNEL WHOSE SIGNATURE APPEARS BELOW,
RESPECTFULLY NOMINATE DR. MICHELLE S. SEGARRA
TO BE THE NEXT DEAN OF UP COLLEGE OF DENTISTRY

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12. CRISOLUGO N. CARAQUEZ
13. Federico C. Cartanera, Jr.

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DR. MICHELLE S. SEGARRA