

Carlo Irwin A. Panelo, MD, MA

Chair

Search Committee for the Next Dean of the College of Dentistry

Dear Dr. Panelo:

We would like to nominate **Dr Michelle Sunico Segarra** as the next dean of the UP College of Dentistry. We believe that she is the most capable and qualified candidate for the position.

She is a well-respected person in the profession both in the academe and the Philippine Dental Association. She has earned several post-graduate degrees from the University of the Philippines and Tokyo Medical and Dental University. She has authored peer-reviewed scientific researches that have been published in international journals and has co-authored a book on Resin Cements. She is a sought-after resource speaker.

She has been teaching in the College of Dentistry for more than 20 years. Her passion for teaching is evidenced by the high evaluation rating she has consistently received from her students. She always tries to look for ways to improve learning. Even before the pandemic, she was already implementing blended learning in her classes.

She has also led several organizations and committees like the PDA Scientific Committee and the UPCD Alumni Association. She is very proactive and her leadership skills are admirable. She can identify the strengths of her subordinates and thus, properly delegate tasks. Despite being the head, she doesn't sit idly while her subordinates do the work.

She is very detail-oriented and organized in performing her duties which is why she is leading the committee on ISO certification for the college. She does not shy away from a challenge and tackles any given task head on. When she was the president of the UPCD Alumni Association, she was able to raise enough funds for the renovation and furnishings of the faculty lounge.

Should she become the next Dean of the UP College of Dentistry, we believe that she can implement a clear vision that can bring together the students, faculty, staff and alumni to gladly work together for the improvement of the college. Her experience in both the academe and other professional organizations will be an invaluable asset to the College.

Sincerely yours,

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Conforme:

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