

October 25, 2023

TO: Members of the Board of Trustees

FROM: Anne D'Alleva, Ph.D.
Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs



RE: Reappointment of Professor Marie A. Smith to the Dr. Henry A. Palmer Professorship
in Community Pharmacy Practice in the School of Pharmacy

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Board of Trustees reappoint Professor Marie A. Smith to the Dr. Henry A. Palmer Professorship in Community Pharmacy Practice in the School of Pharmacy.

BACKGROUND:

The School of Pharmacy unanimously supports the reappointment of Professor Marie A. Smith to the Dr. Henry A. Palmer Professorship in Community Pharmacy Practice in the School of Pharmacy. The Professorship was created in honor of long-time faculty member Dr. Henry A. Palmer, who during his 40-year career as a pharmacist, educator, and scholar contributed greatly to the practice of community pharmacy. Dr. Smith is the inaugural holder of the Palmer Professorship, and she was first appointed on September 21, 2010. Her reappointment to the Professorship will be for a four-year term which will run through August 23, 2027.

Dr. Marie A. Smith, Assistant Dean for Practice and Public Policy Partnerships and Professor in the Department of Pharmacy Practice, is a nationally recognized expert in the area of pharmacy practice transformation and health services research. Health Commissioners across the State of Connecticut rely on Dr. Smith for her expertise, especially in the Office of Health Strategy. This high placement of a UConn faculty member provides great visibility of our faculty as leaders in healthcare policy and supports these health-related departments in enhancing patient health, better utilizing available resources, and acquiring new resources from national sources.