



From the Executive Dean

I hope that your summer is going well. The new academic year is approaching fast and students will be back in less than 3 weeks. White Coat ceremonies will be held at MUSC on August 20th at 5pm and at USC on August 21st at 2pm. Since the last Newsletter we heard the good news that ACPE awarded Candidate status to SCCP. ACPE will be back for a visit in two years as a part of the continuing process for candidate status and to move us toward full accreditation. We will begin this fall to prepare for that visit.

We are continuing to build the SCCP organization. I have attached to this letter a revised SCCP organizational chart. The functional reporting is the same as in prior versions except that Associate Deans will now directly report to Campus Deans. This version should be simpler and clearer than previous organizational charts. We have initiated the search for Chair of *Clinical Pharmacy and Outcome Sciences* and for Vice Chair of *Pharmaceutical and Biomedical Sciences*. Our Departments have approved the name changes and they should be approved soon by both Universities.

The CPS audience response system will be used in the P1 and P2 classes this year. Students will purchase the individual units from the bookstore. John Williams has been conducting training sessions and will work with Faculty and students to implement the system.

Congratulations to Dr. Rick Schnellmann who was named MUSC Eminent Scholar in Pharmaceutical and Biomedical Sciences (pending Board of Trustees approval) and to Dr. Arnold Karig who will receive the MUSC Foundation Distinguished Faculty Service Award at the August 21st convocation. Both awards are very well deserved.

Please welcome our new Faculty members: Dr. Cathy Paik (Community Pharmacy - MUSC), Dr. Patricia Schuler (Cardiology - MUSC), Dr. Amy Thompson (Ambulatory Care – MUSC), Dr. James Starrett (Practice labs – MUSC), Dr. Patricia Powell (Community Pharmacy – USC), Dr. April Miller (Neurology – USC), and Dr. Anna-Lisa Niemenen (PBS – USC). Also, Dr. Ed Soltis has transferred from the College of Medicine to the College of Pharmacy. Wendy Brant has joined the staff at MUSC as Administrative Assistant. I wish you the best for the fall semester.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Joseph DiPis'.

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