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## RECOMMENDATION FOR SENIOR ADMINISTRATIVE APPOINTMENT

### Recommendation

President M. Roy Wilson and Interim Provost Laurie Lauzon Clabo recommend the appointment of Dr. Brian D. Cummings as Dean of the Eugene Applebaum College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences. This appointment is for a five-year term, effective August 1, 2021.

### Background

A Wayne State University alum, after earning his Ph.D. in Pharmacology at WSU in 1999, Dr. Cummings completed post-doctoral fellowships at UAMS and MUSC before joining the faculty at the University of Georgia in 2003 as a distinguished scholar in the Georgia Cancer Coalition. In 2012, he was appointed to his first leadership role as Director of the Interdisciplinary Toxicology Program at the University of Georgia, a position he held for seven years. Since May 2018, he has served as Chair of the College of Pharmacy's Department of Pharmaceutical and Biomedical Services.

Dr. Cummings has maintained his research which is focused on prostate cancer and renal toxicology; he has built a solid program in lipidomics. He brings a strong track record of external funding, including NIH grants, and most recently was the PI on a Department of Defense grant. Dr. Cummings is extensively published in high tier peer reviewed journals.

President Wilson and Provost Clabo extend their thanks to the members of the Dean Search committee for their work, and for the impressive cadre of finalists forwarded for consideration. Dr. Cummings' leadership experience, commitment to research, to the success of the faculty and students, his scientific background and achievements, and his commitment to diversity and inclusion make him an ideal fit for Wayne State University and for the Eugene Applebaum College of Pharmacy & Health Sciences.