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Update from the Provost

As the result of a national search, Dr. David Bellar, Dean of the Usha Kundu, MD College of Health, has been named President and CEO at Franciscan Missionaries of Our Lady University (FranU) in Baton Rouge, Louisiana. Please join me in congratulating him as he begins a new chapter in his professional journey.

I am grateful for Dr. Bellar's service and leadership at the University of West Florida. Although he only joined us in 2022, I have been impressed with the strides made in increasing the enrollment, visibility, and community engagement for the College. Dr. Bellar also focused on the workforce needs of the region and state, including partnerships with hospitals and other employers.

Dr. Bellar will continue to serve as Dean through at least the spring semester, with the goal of completing faculty evaluations before his departure. I plan to appoint an Interim Dean and will announce that at a later date.

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