MEMORANDUM

To: Academic Deans, Faculty, and Staff

From: C. L. Max Nikias

Date: October 19, 2011

Subject: Appointment of Thomas E. Jackiewicz as Senior Vice President and Chief Executive Officer for USC Health

I am pleased to announce the appointment of Thomas E. Jackiewicz as senior vice president and chief executive officer for USC health, effective January 1, 2012. Mr. Jackiewicz will report directly to the president, and will be primarily responsible for the oversight of the university’s private practice clinical activities, including USC University Hospital (which will be known as Keck Hospital of USC as of November 1), USC Norris Cancer Hospital, the Keck Doctors of USC, and USC Care Medical Group, Inc., collectively known as Keck Medical Center of USC.

In this key leadership role at USC, Mr. Jackiewicz will develop a strategic plan and implement a vision to significantly grow, align, and integrate the clinical enterprise of the hospitals and the private practices. He will oversee decisions on business development, information technology systems, and electronic records for the Keck Medical Center of USC, as well as manage the long-term growth of the clinical operations. He will also work closely with Provost Elizabeth Garrett to further integrate the missions of the private clinical enterprise with that of the research and teaching missions of the Keck School of Medicine and the university. Moreover, along with Provost Garrett and Dean Carmen Puliafito of the Keck School of Medicine, Mr. Jackiewicz will ensure that USC continues to attract and retain world-class clinicians and clinical scholars.

Mr. Jackiewicz will also serve as a member of the Keck Medicine Oversight Committee, which is chaired by Provost Garrett and also consists of Robert Abeles, senior vice president for finance and chief financial officer; Todd Dickey, senior vice president for administration; and Dean Puliafito. Carol Mauch Amir, general counsel of the university, serves as an ex officio member. This committee coordinates the activities of our academic medical enterprise, so that all decisions further the university’s academic, clinical, and research priorities. It also ensures that our entire medical enterprise works collaboratively, guided in all instances by USC’s academic values. Mr. Jackiewicz will also serve as vice chair of the USC Hospitals Governing Board.
Mr. Jackiewicz currently serves as chief executive officer of UC San Diego Health System and as associate vice chancellor of University of California, San Diego Health Sciences. UC San Diego Health System is a large enterprise that includes UC San Diego Medical Center, UC San Diego Thornton Hospital, UC San Diego Moores Cancer Center, UC San Diego Shiley Eye Center, and UC San Diego Sulpizio Cardiovascular Center. UC San Diego Health System has more than 5,500 employees and $900 million in projected revenues.

As chief executive officer, Mr. Jackiewicz helped lead the region’s only academic health system during one of its largest periods of growth and capital expansion, a period that included the addition of the Sulpizio Cardiovascular Center, as well as planning for the opening of the Jacobs Medical Center in 2016. During his tenure, UC San Diego Health System also acquired San Diego Cancer Center (SDCC), thereby expanding its cancer-related services.

Under his leadership, UC San Diego Health System has received significant national recognition for its accomplishments. *U.S. News & World Report* ranked UC San Diego Health System first in San Diego in its Best Hospitals metro rankings for 2011, and Thomson Reuters recognized it as one of the nation’s top 15 teaching hospitals in 2010. That same year, UC San Diego Health System received the American Heart Association/American Stroke Association’s Get With The Guidelines Gold Performance Achievement Award, and was also named a “Rising Star” academic medical center by University HealthSystem Consortium (UHC) in recognition of its focus on quality and safety. In 2011, UC San Diego Health System was ranked #5 by UHC and received a UHC Quality Leadership award. Mr. Jackiewicz joined UC San Diego Health Sciences in 2001 and, before assuming his current role, served as its chief financial officer and associate vice chancellor of finance and administration.

Prior to this, Mr. Jackiewicz served as chief operating officer of Columbia University Medical Center and as senior associate chair for finance and administration for the department of medicine at Stanford University School of Medicine. Earlier in his career, he held leadership positions at Oregon Health Sciences University and the University of Pennsylvania Health System.

Mr. Jackiewicz has served as the national chair of the Association of American Medical Colleges’ Group on Business Affairs and is currently a board member of the UHC and the Hospital Association of San Diego and Imperial Counties, and a member of the Council of Teaching Hospitals and Health Systems. He is also a board member of the American Heart Association/American Stroke Association, San Diego. This past year, Mr. Jackiewicz was elected to serve as chair of the Founder’s Board of the Dr. Foster 2011 Global Comparators Project, a board comprised of CEOs and leadership from 31 top-ranked hospitals in five countries.
Mr. Jackiewicz earned his master of public health in health policy and management from Columbia University and his bachelor’s degree in business administration from the University of Georgia.

We all look forward to Mr. Jackiewicz’s arrival at USC, and before closing, I want to take this opportunity to thank the search committee for its outstanding leadership in recruiting Mr. Jackiewicz to USC. The committee included department chairs at the Keck School of Medicine, as well as Provost Garrett; Senior Vice President Abeles; Dean Puliafito; and Mitchell Creem, CEO of USC’s Hospitals. Three of USC’s trustees also served as my advisors: John Kusmiersky, David L. Lee, and William J. Schoen. I also want to acknowledge the Immediate Past President of the Academic Senate, Dr. Peter Conti, for his exceptional contribution to the search process.

Please join me in congratulating Tom Jackiewicz on his appointment as senior vice president and chief executive officer for USC health, and in welcoming him and his wife, Pat, to the Trojan Family. We all look forward to embracing them as new members of our community.

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