



College of Health and
Human Sciences

TO: Purdue University Board of Trustees
FROM: Marion K. Underwood, Dean of the College of Health and Human Sciences (HHS)
DATE: August 25, 2022
RE: Appointment of Dr. Chris Coleman as the Mark and Maureen Miller Head of the School of Nursing

As you may recall, thanks to the generosity of Mark and Maureen Miller, a named endowed Headship was created for the Mark and Maureen Miller Head of the Purdue School of Nursing. On July 1, 2022, Dr. Chris Coleman began his role as the new Head and Professor of Nursing. I am writing to request that Dr. Coleman be appointed as the Mark and Maureen Miller Head of Nursing.

Dr. Coleman joins Purdue from the Indiana University School of Nursing-Fort Wayne, where he served as associate dean and professor. His research focuses on understanding factors that include health-promoting behaviors of HIV-infected middle-aged and older African American men and HIV risk factors among vulnerable populations. He is also interested in symptom management strategies used by HIV-infected populations.

Prior to joining the Indiana University School of Nursing-Fort Wayne in 2018, he was on faculty in the College of Nursing at the University of Tennessee Health Science Center, where he served as department chair and professor of the Department of Health Promotion and Disease Prevention. From 2010-2017, he was the Fagin Endowed Term Associate Professor of Nursing and Multicultural Diversity at the University of Pennsylvania and served as co-director of the Center of Health Equity Research, among other positions. In addition, Dr. Coleman has held academic appointments at Virginia Commonwealth University, Rutgers University, and the University of Southern California.

Dr. Coleman holds a Master of Science degree in family and child psychiatric nursing from Oregon Health Science University and a Master of Public Health degree from Johns Hopkins University. He holds a PhD in nursing from the University of California, San Francisco and completed a postdoctoral fellowship program in the School of Nursing at the University of California, Los Angeles, where he studied HIV's effect on quality of life.

Dr. Coleman's notable work in higher education administration combined with a strong scholarly and clinical background and impressive record of advancing diversity, equity and inclusion through his research and academic leadership make him exceptionally well-suited to become the new Mark and Maureen Miller Head of the School of Nursing.

HHS is very pleased to put forward Dr. Chris Coleman to be appointed as the Mark and Maureen Miller Head of the School of Nursing.

Thank you for your consideration.

Approval Recommended:

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Jay T. Akridge
Provost and Executive Vice President for
Academic Affairs and Diversity

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Mitchell E. Daniels, Jr.
President