

July 16, 2013

To: School of Public Health Faculty, Staff, and Students

Dear Colleagues,

Please join me in thanking Stephen Shortell for his exceptional service as Dean of the School of Public Health during the past eleven years.

Under Steve Shortell's leadership, faculty, staff, and students have moved the School forward on a number of fronts, addressing the educational, research, and service challenges posed by the expanding field of public health. Some of the more notable of these are highlighted below.

- Development of over \$100 million of foundation and philanthropic support toward the School's fundraising goal of \$110 million. This includes:
 - A Hewlett-matched \$3 million chair in Global Public Health;
 - A Hewlett-matched \$2 million endowed chair in Health Policy and Economics;
 - A \$2 million endowed chair in Informatics, Comparative Effectiveness, and Outcomes research;
 - A \$5 million gift from Kaiser Permanente to support 15 students each year who plan careers in improving the health of underserved and vulnerable populations;
 - A \$1 million matching gift from the Kalmanovitz Foundation for support of doctoral students in public health;
 - An additional \$5 million of support from the Bixby Foundation toward the new building for the School of Public Health.
- Creation of the upper-division undergraduate major in public health, which was a recipient of the campus' "Innovation in Education" Award in 2006.
- Launch of UC Berkeley's first largely online degree-granting program – the On-campus/On-line MPH degree in Public Health launched in January of 2012.
- Reinstitution of Public Health Nutrition as an area of concentration.

- Development of a number of new research centers, including:
 - Center for Global Public Health
 - Berkeley Center for Health Technology
 - Center for Green Chemistry
 - Center for Exposure Biology
 - Significant expansion of the Bixby Center for Population Health and Sustainability
 - Creation of a Center for Health Leadership
 - Creation of the Global Health Leadership Forum (GHLF) in 2002.
- Very noteworthy results in gender and ethno-racial diversification of the student body and faculty.
 - The student body went from 5% underrepresented minorities in 2006 to 25% in 2012.
 - Of the 21 faculty recruited over the past 11 years, two-thirds were women and 24% were underrepresented minorities.

It has been both an honor and a pleasure to work with Steve Shortell during my seven years as provost. I hope you will join me as I wish him much happiness in retirement.

As previously announced, Dr. Stefano Bertozzi will join the School as its dean on September 1. In the meantime, I am pleased (and relieved!) to inform you that Ray Catalano has graciously agreed to serve as Acting Dean, with generous assistance from Joan Bloom.

Cordially,

George Breslauer

Executive Vice Chancellor and Provost