



A Message

FROM THE PRESIDENT

2 September 2019

Dear alumnus,

I am pleased to announce the following appointments:

CHAIRMAN, DUKE-NUS MEDICAL SCHOOL GOVERNING BOARD

Mr Goh Yew Lin, who was Chairman-Designate of the Governing Board at Duke-NUS Medical School since 1 April 2019, will officially take over as the Chairman on 1 October 2019.

Yew Lin was the founding Chairman of the Yong Siew Toh Conservatory of Music for 16 years from May 2002 to October 2018. His vision and advocacy to establish the Conservatory as an integral part of Singapore's music and cultural landscape was instrumental in its dramatic growth and success. He also played an active role in securing key endowments that have been critical to the Conservatory's success and helped advance its role in nurturing musical talents.

Yew Lin was a member of the NUS Board of the Trustees from April 2008 to March 2019, and chaired its Investment Committee during his tenure.

CHAIRMAN AND CO-CHAIR, FASS FACULTY ADVISORY BOARD

Dr Leslie Teo, Head of Data Science, Policy and Data Initiatives at Grab, and Dr Noeleen Heyzer, Social Scientist and Former United Nations Under-Secretary-General, will be reappointed as the Chairman and Co-Chair of the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences (FASS) Faculty Advisory Board respectively on 1 October 2019.

Both Leslie and Noeleen, who have been on the NUS Board of Trustees since April 2016 and August 2013 respectively, stepped down this year.

VICE PRESIDENT (RESEARCH & TECHNOLOGY)

Professor Liu Bin, Provost's Chair, has been appointed Vice President (Research & Technology) from 1 September 2019.

Liu Bin joined NUS as an Assistant Professor in November 2005 and was promoted to full Professor in January 2016. She became Head of the Department of Chemical and Biomolecular Engineering in July 2017.

Recognised for her contributions in functional materials with applications in energy, environmental and biomedical research, Liu Bin is named among the World's Most Influential Minds and the Top 1% Highly Cited Researchers in Materials Science by Thomson Reuters and Clarivate Analytics.

DEAN, FACULTY OF ENGINEERING

Professor Aaron Thean has been appointed Dean of the Faculty of Engineering from 1 September 2019.

Aaron, one of the National Research Foundation's Returning Singaporean Scientists, joined the Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering in May 2016. From 2016 to 2018, he also served in the Office of the Deputy President (Research and Technology) as the Director of Industry Engagement & Partnerships. Aaron currently holds several technical leadership responsibilities at the University, including Director of NUS-Hybrid Integrated Flexible Electronic Systems (HiFES) programme and A*STAR SIMTech-NUS Joint Laboratory for Large-Area Flexible Hybrid Electronics, Co-Director of Applied Materials-NUS Advanced Materials Corporate Lab, and Director of NUS Engineering's micro-nanofabrication research centre, E6Nanofab.

Aaron developed his career in industry, where he had established his name in the highly competitive semiconductor domain, through advanced research on the latest technologies and the successful translation of ideas and research to products (lab-to-fab).

Appreciation

The University would like to place on record our deep appreciation to the following:

- Mr Kai Nargolwala for his stewardship of Duke-NUS Medical School for eight years – seven years as Chairman and one year as a member of the Governing Board;
- Professor Philip Liu who stepped down as Vice President (Research & Technology) in June 2019, and has returned to the Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering to continue his academic pursuits; and
- Professor Chua Kee Chaing, Dean of Engineering since 1 July 2014, who has taken on the role of Deputy President (Academic) and Provost of the Singapore Institute of Technology from 1 September 2019.

We warmly welcome Yew Lin, Liu Bin and Aaron to their new appointments, and Leslie and Noeleen to their reappointments at NUS.

You can read more about the above appointments in [NUS News](#).

With best wishes,

Professor Tan Eng Chye (Science '85)
NUS President