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Patricia Liehr, Ph.D., Named Interim Dean; Dean Safiya George to Assume New Role as President of UVI

Christine E. Lynn College of Nursing Emerita Professor Patricia Liehr, Ph.D., has agreed to serve as interim dean as the search for permanent leadership in the college continues, and as Dean Safiya George begins her new role as president of the University of the Virgin Islands (UVI). In 2004, Dr. Liehr joined the College of Nursing as a professor and the first associate dean for nursing research and scholarship. She served in the associate dean role for a total of 12 years (2004-2014; 2018-2020), and was awarded emerita professor status upon retiring in 2020.

Dean George has served as the inaugural recipient of the Holli Rockwell Trubinsky Eminent Dean in Nursing — one of the largest endowed nursing deanships in the country — as well as a Helen K. Persson Eminent Scholar and professor in the College of Nursing. Over the last five years, she has been committed to creating a new field of data science within nursing education, research and practice and establishing a state-of-the-art Center for Advanced Nursing Simulation, Clinical Learning and AI that opened on the Davie campus in December 2023, and upgrading the Boca Raton campus simulation center.

In addition, Dean George has been a champion of increasing students' access to resources to ensure their academic success, including the formation of a dedicated student success team. She is only the third dean to be appointed in the college's 45-year history.