To the Faculty & Staff of Washington University:

I am pleased to announce the appointment of Evan D. Kharasch, M.D., Ph.D., to the position of Interim Vice Chancellor for Research, effective July 20, 2009. He succeeds Samuel L. Stanley Jr., M.D. who left on June 30, 2009 to accept an appointment as president of the State University of New York at Stonybrook.

Kharasch was born in Chicago and attended Northwestern University where he received his undergraduate and medical degrees as well as a doctorate in Pharmacology. He completed his internship at the University of Washington in Seattle, as well as a residency and fellowship in anesthesiology. He remained at UW until 2005, eventually becoming Professor and Vice-Chair of Research and Assistant Dean for Clinical Research at the School of Medicine.

Kharasch joined Washington University in 2005 as Professor and Director of the Division of Clinical and Translational Research in the Department of Anesthesiology. In 2007, he was named the Russell D. and Mary B. Shelden Professor in Anesthesiology. He is also a Professor of Biochemistry and Molecular Biophysics. His research interests include anesthetic and drug metabolism, drug interactions, anesthetic toxicity, and pharmacogenetics.

With the announcement of Sam Stanley’s departure, I emailed the entire faculty and consulted widely, to seek nominations for an interim appointment. From the numerous responses received, many potential candidates were contacted to determine their interest, interviews were conducted, and an extended version of the advisory committee that chose Sam Stanley was consulted on the applicant
pool. Professor Evan Kharasch was selected as a top candidate and it pleases me that he has agreed to take on this significant role.

The search for the permanent Vice Chancellor of Research position will begin in the fall. An advisory committee will be named at that time.

Sincerely,

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