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## News Release

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### **USU Board of Regents Member Named to NIH Advisory Committee**

**BETHESDA, Md.** — Colleen Conway-Welch, Ph.D., CNM, FAAN, FACNM, a member of the Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences (USU) Board of Regents, was recently selected to serve as a member of the Advisory Committee to the Director (ACD), National Institutes of Health.

Dr. Conway-Welch was among five new members named to the 15-member council by NIH Director Elias A. Zerhouni on Jan. 31. Since 1966, the ACD has advised the NIH Director on policy and planning issues important to the NIH mission of conducting and supporting biomedical and behavioral research, research training, and translating research results for the public.

In addition to her role as a member of the USU Board of Regents, Dr. Conway-Welch also serves as professor and dean of Vanderbilt University School of Nursing. She has been active in nursing practice and education for more than four decades. The holder of three honorary doctorates from Cumberland University, Georgetown University, and the University of Colorado, she is also a graduate of Georgetown University, Catholic University of America, and New York University. She has published extensively, served on President Reagan's Commission on the HIV Epidemic in 1988, the National Bipartisan Commission on the Future of Medicare in 1998, the Governor's Tennessee Commission on the Future of TennCare, and was appointed by then-Secretary Tommy Thompson to the Secretary's Council on Public Health Preparedness, Office of the Assistant Secretary for Public Health Emergency Preparedness, Department of Health & Human Services (DHHS). Dr. Conway-Welch is also a member of the Medicare Coverage Advisory Committee (MCAC) with DHHS and a member of the George Washington University Homeland Security Policy Institute. She is a fellow in the American Academy of Nursing, a charter fellow of the American College of Nurse-Midwives, a member of the Institute of Medicine of the National Academy of Science, and serves as a director on the Boards of Pinnacle Bank, RehabCare Group, and Ardent Health Services, in addition to numerous other 501(c)3 boards such as the Health Care Leadership Council in Washington, D.C. She is also the founding director of the Nursing Emergency Preparedness Education Coalition (formerly the International Nursing Coalition for Mass Casualty Education).

USU, located in Bethesda, Maryland, on the grounds of the National Naval Medical Center, is a traditional U.S. academic health center with a unique emphasis on educating the next generation of health care providers and researchers in military medicine, humanitarian efforts as well as responses to disasters, emerging infectious diseases, and other public health emergencies.