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In early 2015, Dr. Meredith is the Founding Dean for the Binghamton University School of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences. Binghamton University has built a reputation as a world-class institution that combines a broadly interdisciplinary, international education with one of the most vibrant research programs in the nation. The new School of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences is Binghamton University's first new professional school in nearly a decade. The university is making a substantial investment to build this quality professional school that will become a leader in pharmacy practice and pharmaceutical research. Dean Meredith is already working with architects to design a new state-of-the-art building and is presently assembling her leadership team. She is focused on building a research-intensive Pharmacy School, which will welcome its first class of students in 2017, pending pre-candidate status being awarded by the Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education (ACPE). These students will work one-on-one with an exceptional faculty that will include innovative scientists and exceptional pharmacists.

Dean Meredith obtained her Bachelors and Masters degrees from Southern Methodist University (SMU) in Dallas, Texas. She held a National Science Foundation Fellowship during her final year of study at SMU. In 1983, she completed her PhD at Georgetown University School of Medicine. Her thesis focused on the auditory system. She held an individual National Institutes of Health (NIH-NIMH) pre-doctoral fellowship during years at Georgetown. She was then awarded an individual postdoctoral fellowship from NIH (NINDS) to work at the University of Amsterdam in the Netherlands. In 1987, she became an assistant professor at the Vrije (pronounced 'Free') University in Amsterdam. In 1994, she moved to Dublin, Ireland and became an associate professor at the Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland. She returned to the United States in 1999, becoming an associate professor of neuroscience at the University of Missouri Kansas City (UMKC) School of Medicine, and served as an adjunct faculty member in the Pharmacology Department of the UMKC School of Pharmacy. In 2002, she moved to the Chicago Medical School (Rosalind Franklin University of Medicine and Science) as a tenured professor. Two years later, she became Chair of the Department of Cellular and Molecular Pharmacology and played a strong role in the development of that department. Her scientific and administrative experience as well as her organizational skills led Rosalind Franklin University president to name Dr. Meredith the Founding Dean of the College of Pharmacy in 2009. Her vision, motivation, and leadership has lead to a vibrant community of students, faculty and staff, who contribute to the success and advancement of the pharmacy profession. She delivered a "State of the College" address annually for faculty, staff, students, preceptors and Advisory Council. She has given several continuing education presentations, not only for the College faculty and preceptors but also for other organizations, e.g., Big Y Foods in Massachusetts. She has had direct oversight of the accreditation process; and it is with great excitement that the College completed a

comprehensive site visit in March 2015, with no negative marks. The College is anticipating the award of Full Accreditation Status June 2015. These notable strengths are enhanced by her support from faculty, staff and students alike.

For the past 32 years, Dean Meredith has been active in biomedical research. She is an internationally recognized neuropharmacologist, who has been continually funded by European agencies, NIH, DOD, and private foundations such as the Michael J Fox Foundation. She has served on NIH and VA study sections for 12 years. Her research focuses on studies of neuroprotection and levodopa-induced dyskinesia in Parkinson's disease, and on basic mechanisms of drug craving in an animal model of amphetamine abuse. She has published more than 160 publications in top quality, peer-reviewed journals including co-authoring in 2007 an article in *Nature* that tested a potential neuroprotective drug for Parkinson's disease that is now in Phase III clinical trials. In 2013, she received the Morris L. Parker Research Award for Excellence in Research from her Rosalind Franklin colleagues. She is affiliated with many professional societies such as the Society for Neuroscience and Sigma Xi (Honor Society). She serves as an officer in the local chapter of the American Society of Pharmacology and Experimental Therapeutics, and has been a past officer in the American Society of Medical School Pharmacology Chairs.

Dean Meredith has extensive experience in education. She is an accomplished educator with experience in course design and development, problem-based learning, small group (clinical case) learning, as well as more formal lecturing – and has been extensively involved in the professional education of surgeons, nurses, pharmacists, and medical residents, receiving the top teaching award of the College of Surgeons in 1996. She has more than 30 years experience in health professions education, including 10 years in Interprofessional Education (IPE). Dean Meredith is also recognized in the Pharmacy education community. She has served as a site visitor for the ACPE since 2012 and is active in many pharmacy organizations, including the American Association of Colleges of Pharmacy, where she has served on two different Dean's task forces. She is an active member of the American Pharmacists Association, American Society of Health System Pharmacists, American College of Clinical Pharmacy, Academy of Managed Care Pharmacy, and four local pharmacy associations. She has also become a Graduate Brother of the Pharmacy Service Fraternity, Phi Delta Chi.