

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES**  
**UNIVERSITY OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA**

**UDC Resolution 2015-\_\_\_\_\_**

**SUBJECT: Conferral of Honorary Degree upon Beverly Malone, Ph.D., RN, FANN, Chief  
Executive Officer, National League for Nursing**

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to D.C. Code §38-1202.06(3), the Board of Trustees has authority to award degrees and to establish policy with respect to the award of degrees; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to 8 DCMR §315.2, the President, upon consultation with the Faculty Senate, has recommended that Beverly Malone be awarded an honorary degree based on her outstanding leadership, dedication, and accomplishments as a medical professional, teacher, administrator, and public servant, and for her advocacy for nurses and the communities they serve, both nationally and globally, achieved during a distinguished career that has spanned over 40 years and has included health policy, education, administration, and clinical practice, as exemplified by her leadership at the helm of the National League for Nursing (since 2007), as dean of the School of Nursing at North Carolina Agricultural and Technical State University, as president for two terms of the American Nurses Association (ANA), representing 180,000 nurses in the USA (starting in 1996), and as general secretary of the Royal College of Nursing (RCN), the United Kingdom's largest professional union of nurses (from June 2001 to January 2007); and also demonstrated by her role as Deputy Assistant Secretary for Health, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services; and also illustrated by her membership and designation as a member of Fellows of the American Academy of Nursing (FAAN), which invites members on the basis of leadership and accomplishments; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to 8 DCMR §315.3, the Board of Trustees must approve the recommendation of Beverly Malone by an affirmative vote of three-fourths ( $\frac{3}{4}$ ) of the members present at the meeting of the Board following the meeting at which the recommendation was made;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Trustees of the University of the District of Columbia hereby approves the recommendation of the awarding of the degree of Doctor of Science, with all the honors, privileges, and duties pertaining thereto.

Submitted by the Academic Affairs Committee

January 14, 2015


Approved by the Board of Trustees:

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Dr. Elaine Crider  
Chairperson of the Board

**Donald L. Rickford**  
**Chief Financial Officer****FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT**

**TO:** The Board of Trustees

**FROM:** Donald L. Rickford, Chief Financial Officer  
Office of the Chief Financial Officer (UDC) 

**DATE:** January 13, 2015

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**Conclusion**

The Office of the Chief Financial Officer at the University of the District of Columbia approves this request based on the information provided. We do not anticipate any fiscal impact.

**Background**

The President, upon consultation with the Faculty Senate, has recommended that Beverly Malone be awarded an honorary degree based on her outstanding leadership, dedication, and accomplishments as a medical professional, teacher, administrator, and public servant, and for her advocacy for nurses and the communities they serve, both nationally and globally.

Dr. Malone has achieved during a distinguished career that has spanned over 40 years that has included health policy, education, administration, and clinical practice, and has been exemplified by her leadership at the helm of the National League for Nursing and as Dean of the School of Nursing at North Carolina Agricultural and Technical State University and as President for two terms of the American Nurses Association (ANA), representing 180,000 nurses in the USA and as general secretary of the Royal College of Nursing.

Dr. Malone is also exemplified by her public service, including her role as Deputy Assistant Secretary for Health, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services and for her recognized accomplishments as a designated member of Fellows of the American Academy of Nursing.

Proposed Recipient of Honorary Degree for  
UDC's Spring Commencement, May 9, 2015

**Beverly Malone**  
Chief Executive Officer  
National League for Nursing

Dr. Malone is being recognized for her outstanding leadership, dedication, and accomplishments as a medical professional, teacher, administrator, and public servant, and for her advocacy for nurses and the communities they serve, both nationally and globally. Over 40+ years, Dr. Malone's distinguished career has included health policy, education, administration, and clinical practice. She is among America's most vocal leaders in the conversation about the nursing profession, ranging from competency, the quality of nursing education, and the nursing-educator shortage, to the role of nursing in ensuring access to safe and culturally competent care for diverse patient populations, domestically and globally. Her scholarship, leadership, and determination serves as a shining example and source of inspiration for new generations of students. For representing UDC's values so well, we are proud to honor her achievements and contributions to the nation and to the international community.

**Dr. Beverly Malone** has served as Chief Executive Officer of the National League for Nursing since February 2007. Her tenure at the NLN has been marked by a retooling of the League's mission to reflect the core values of caring, diversity, integrity, and excellence and an ongoing focus on advancing the nation's health. Significant faculty development and leadership initiatives she championed, from the NLN Academy of Nursing Education to the International Council of Nurses Education Network, highlight her commitment to prepare a diverse nursing workforce, caring for patients to the full extent of their practice, to address the changing dynamics of today's technology-rich health care environment.

Under Dr. Malone's guidance, the NLN has partnered with corporations, associations, and foundations—ranging from Johnson & Johnson and Laerdal Medical Corporation to AARP and the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation—to advance the science of nursing education, increase diversity in nursing and nursing education, and advance excellence in care for seniors. Her testimony in 2009 during Congressional budget hearings was but one example of Dr. Malone's public policy advocacy for increased support for nursing workforce development and advanced education for nurse educators to address the persistent shortage of nurses that threatens health care delivery.

In 2010, the year she was ranked #29 among the 100 Most Powerful People in Healthcare by *Modern Healthcare* magazine, Dr. Malone served on the Institute of Medicine's Forum on the Future of Nursing Education, contributing to the IOM's groundbreaking report, *"The Future of Nursing: Leading Change, Advancing Health,"* and on the Advisory Committee on Minority Health, a federal panel established to advise the U.S. Secretary of Health and Human Services.

Dr. Malone began her nursing career with a bachelor's degree in nursing from the University of Cincinnati in 1970, combining further study with clinical practice, a master's in psychiatric nursing, and a doctorate in clinical psychology, which she earned in 1981. She has worked as a surgical staff nurse, clinical nurse specialist, director of nursing, and assistant administrator of nursing. During the 1980s, she was dean of the School of Nursing at North Carolina Agricultural and Technical State University. Beginning in 1996, she was elected to two terms as president of the American Nurses Association (ANA), representing 180,000 nurses in the USA. In 2000, she became Deputy Assistant Secretary for Health, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. Just prior to joining the NLN, Dr. Malone was general secretary of the Royal College of Nursing (RCN), the United Kingdom's largest professional union of nurses, from June 2001 to January 2007 and was also a member of the Higher Education Funding Council for England (HEFCE).

**UDC VALUES**

*Learning, discovery, and engagement \* Academic excellence \* High expectations \* Student success  
Innovation \* Cross-cultural and international perspectives \* Technological competencies  
Collaboration among our internal and external partners \* Public service*