

**February 11, 2019**

**To: The Nomination Committee - Academy of Medicine 2019 Senior Faculty Recognition Award**

**Re: Ramzi Nahhas PhD**

**From: James R. Ebert, MD, MBA, MPH, Chair, Population and Public Health Sciences, BSOM**

Ramzi Nahhas joined the Boonshoft School of Medicine (BSOM) in 2007 as a senior biostatistician in the Department of Population and Public Health Sciences, then known as the Department of Community Health. In 2009 he was promoted to Assistant Professor, then Associate Professor in 2014. Although his primary appointment is in the Population and Public Health Sciences, he holds a secondary appointment in Psychiatry and has collaborated with other departments in BSOM as well as outside BSOM in the University. He was recently approved unanimously by the University's Promotion and Tenure Committee for promotion to full Professor effective July 1, 2019.

Dr. Nahhas's extraordinary statistical skill set is complemented by his well-developed analytical acumen and communication skills. He has been sought out by countless faculty members and students in BSOM since his arrival eleven years ago. A review of his curriculum vitae tells the full story.

When he first came to us, he was hired as a researcher, but within a few years demonstrated his talent and a teacher and mentor, and finally, a leader.

It would be an understatement to assert that the past two years have been especially challenging for BSOM and WSU, and there could not have been a better choice to have as BSOM representative on the Faculty Senate during these important years in the history of our BSOM.

At the state level, he was selected by the Ohio Opioids Analytics Project to investigate and interpret statewide data.

In addition to enriching the academic environment at BSOM and at the state level, Dr. Nahhas has also had an impact nationally. He has been a member of the editorial board of the American Journal of Human Biology since 2016, and was elected as Section Councilor, Epidemiology Section, American Public Health Association in 2017 for a three-year term.

Anyone who has worked with Dr. Nahhas would agree that he is not only at the top of his craft with respect to statistics and epidemiology, but that as a collaborator and a coworker, he is someone that everyone wants on their project, clinicians and basic scientists alike.

Although Dr. Nahhas will be leaving full-time faculty service at BSOM to pursue an executive position as Manager of Data Sciences with Ventech Solutions in Columbus, Ohio, with we are pleased to know that he will remain on faculty at BSOM as an adjunct. As a fitting acknowledgement of his twelve years of teaching, research, and leadership, it is my privilege to put his name in nomination for the 2019 Academy of Medicine Senior Faculty Recognition Award.