

Western University of Health Sciences
President Robin Farias-Eisner, MD, PhD, MBA, FACOG
Bio Summary

The WesternU Board of Trustees appointed Dr. Robin Farias-Eisner as WesternU's third president effective March 1, 2022. Dr. Farias-Eisner attended medical school at the Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland. Dr. Farias-Eisner's unique medical education at the Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland (RCSI) established his commitment to the concept of Physical Diagnosis, Humanism, and Compassion, a tradition dating back to the founding of the Medical School in 1784, drawing him closely to the Osteopathic tenets.

After graduation from medical school, Dr. Farias-Eisner was recruited to the University of Illinois' Emergency Medicine residency training program, with a focus on surgical critical care. During this training period in Emergency Medicine, Dr. Farias-Eisner was acknowledged for his love for education, and he was offered a faculty position to train future resident physicians in emergency medicine and critical care at the University of Illinois.

At that time, University of California at Los Angeles (UCLA) was building a program in women's health. Recognizing Dr. Farias-Eisner's unique clinical skills in critical care medicine, UCLA recruited him to join the Residency training program in Obstetrics and Gynecology, and then the Fellowship subspecialty training program in Surgical Oncology within women's health.

Upon completion of surgical training, Dr. Farias-Eisner was offered the opportunity to join the full-time teaching faculty at UCLA's School of Medicine. Shortly thereafter, Dr. Farias-Eisner entered the Specialty Training in Advanced Research

(STAR) program at the Molecular Biology Institute (MBI) at UCLA, designed for faculty with an aptitude in translational research, earning a PhD in Molecular Biology. Upon completion, Dr. Farias-Eisner established the Farias-Eisner Laboratory and Center for Biomarker Discovery and Cancer Research at UCLA.

As an academic entrepreneur, while at UCLA, Dr. Farias-Eisner commercialized new diagnostic platforms for the early detection of various cancers and discovered new anti-cancer drugs. As a result of this work, and in partnership with the University of California, he shares numerous active patents.

Dr. Farias-Eisner then spent the next three decades at UCLA serving the national and international community as a surgeon, scientist, administrator, educator, and entrepreneur. He worked indefatigably in a variety of academic leadership positions at UCLA to improve the health of women through the establishment of successful delivery models for high quality patient care and cancer research.

In 2019, Dr. Farias-Eisner was recruited to Creighton University in Omaha, NE, where he served as Director of the Henry Lynch Comprehensive Cancer Research Center, Chief Academic Officer, Associate Dean of Women's Health, and Professor and Chairman of the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology, at Creighton's School of Medicine.

Over the past decade he has served as the principal investigator for a highly impactful NIH grant: To eliminate health care disparities in cancer cohorts in underserved populations in Los Angeles.

The Farias-Eisner Laboratory at UCLA, and later the Farias-Eisner Laboratory at Creighton University, achieved numerous innovative discoveries that proved to be highly clinically important, including the commercialization of biomarkers for the early diagnosis of ovarian cancer, and the discovery of novel and innovative new anti-cancer drugs.

President Farias-Eisner has a decorated academic pedigree that includes a Bachelor of Science in biochemistry from UCLA, a Medical Doctorate degree from the Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland (RCSI), a Ph.D. in Molecular Biology from the Molecular Biology Institute at UCLA, and an MBA from Pepperdine University. He is board certified in Emergency Medicine, Obstetrics and Gynecology and Gynecologic Oncology.

Dr. Farias-Eisner is Professor Emeritus at the University of California and Professor at Creighton University School of Medicine.

President Farias-Eisner resides in Pomona.

Dr. Farias-Eisner takes the lead at a transformative time in health care and a transformational time for WesternU.