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## MEMORANDUM

DATE: July 10, 2025

TO: Faculty & Staff

FROM: President Lawrence Schovanec

RE: Vice President for Research & Innovation Search Update

As a follow-up to our [earlier announcement](#) regarding the search for Texas Tech's next Vice President for Research & Innovation, I want to share an update on the progress of that process.

We have engaged Spencer Stuart, a leading executive search firm with extensive experience in higher education and research leadership, to assist with this important search. Their team will work closely with us to identify a strong pool of candidates who can advance our research mission and build on the momentum we have established.

I also want to thank the individuals who have agreed to serve on the search committee. Their insight and leadership will be critical to identifying a candidate who aligns with Texas Tech's values and strategic goals:

- **Ron Hendrick**, Senior Vice President & Provost, Search Chair
- **Stephen Bayne**, Vice Chancellor for Innovation & Collaboration
- **Noel Sloan**, Senior Vice President and CFO
- **Grace Hernandez**, Chief of Staff and Vice President, Office of the President
- **Roland Faller**, Dean, Whitacre College of Engineering
- **Clay Cash**, Regent, Texas Tech University System Board of Regents
- **Dimitri Pappas**, Chair, Dept. of Chemistry & Biochemistry, College of Arts & Sciences
- **Michelle Pantoya**, Paul W. Horn Distinguished Professor, J.W. Wright Regents Chair, Dept. of Mechanical Engineering, Whitacre College of Engineering
- **Tosha Dupras**, Dean, College of Arts & Sciences
- **Nikhil Dhurandhar**, Paul W. Horn Distinguished Professor, Helen Devitt Jones Endowed Chair, Department of Nutritional Sciences, College of Health & Human Sciences
- **Noureddine Abidi**, Managing Director, Fiber & Biopolymer Research Institute, Davis College of Agricultural Sciences & Natural Resources
- **Jon McNaughtan**, Chair, Dept. of Educational Psychology, Leadership & Counseling, College of Education

The search committee will begin its work this summer with the goal of conducting a thorough selection process that reflects the significance of this position to our university's future. I appreciate your continued support as we move forward.

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