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MEMORANDUM

DATE: July 14, 2025

TO: Faculty & Staff

FROM: President Lawrence Schovanec

RE: Appointment of Interim Associate Vice President for
Research & Innovation

As we continue to advance our research mission and maintain momentum on our key priorities, I am pleased to announce that Dr. Nouredine Abidi will serve as Interim Associate Vice President for Research & Innovation, effective immediately.

Dr. Abidi brings valuable experience and leadership to this role. His record of scholarship and collaboration have strengthened Texas Tech's research profile and impact.

This interim appointment will help ensure continuity and stability as we conduct the search for [Dr. Heppert's successor](#). I am confident Dr. Abidi will provide thoughtful guidance and support for our research community during this time.

Please join me in thanking Dr. Abidi for his willingness to serve in this important capacity.



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