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MEMORANDUM

DATE: September 12, 2025
TO: Faculty & Staff
FROM: Lawrence Schovanec, President
RE: Expanded Roles for Dr. Lin Zhou and Dr. Stephen Bayne

I am pleased to announce two expanded leadership roles at Texas Tech University.

Dr. Lin Zhou, who has served as Vice President for [Information Technology](#) and Chief Information Officer (CIO) since joining Texas Tech last fall, will now assume the added role of Executive Director of AI and Quantum Computing. He will continue to oversee the university's IT enterprise while also guiding initiatives in AI and quantum computing, fields that are increasingly important to research, education and innovation.

Additionally, Dr. Stephen Bayne has been named Vice President for National Security, joining the President's Executive Team. He will remain Executive Director of the [Critical Infrastructure Security Institute](#) and continue to support system-wide collaboration initiatives across the Texas Tech University System. Dr. Bayne has been a valued member of Texas Tech for more than a decade, serving in many roles, including faculty member, the John R. Bradford Endowed Chair in Engineering, chair of Electrical & Computer Engineering, interim dean of the [Edward E. Whitacre Jr. College of Engineering](#) and vice chancellor for Innovation & Collaboration. He will lead efforts to expand Texas Tech's national security initiatives and strengthen our work to protect critical infrastructure.

Please join me in congratulating Drs. Zhou and Bayne on their appointments and in supporting their efforts to enhance the technology and research that are central to our mission.



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