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Dear Colleagues,

I am pleased to announce that Dr. Dayna Oscherwitz, Assistant Provost for General Education, will join the Provost's Office team on January 3, 2022, as Associate Provost for Institutional Planning and Effectiveness. Dayna will succeed Dr. Patty Alvey, who will retire from SMU after nearly two decades of committed service to SMU as a faculty member recognized for outstanding university citizenship, inaugural Endowed Chair and Director of the Temerlin Advertising Institute, and since 2013, as SMU's Accreditation Liaison for the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges (SACSOC), as well as the creation of the Office of Institutional Planning and Effectiveness which has led SMU to its first two perfect accreditation reports.

In her role as Associate Provost, Dr. Oscherwitz will oversee issues of Institutional Effectiveness for academic and support units of the University. This includes assessment of student learning and improvement in general education and academic programs. Also included in the AP's portfolio are all compliance issues critical to SMU's accreditation by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges. She will work with Dr. Alvey for the next six months to ensure a seamless transition, given the complexities and importance of compliance to our University.

Dayna will also work closely with the other members of the Provost's Office Leadership Team on initiatives that include enhancing teaching effectiveness, furthering student success, improving graduate student mentoring, managing cyclical, annual academic program reviews, strategic plan updates, promoting research and grant writing, regular meetings with Associate Deans, and developing post-tenure faculty success policies.

In anticipation of her new role as Associate Provost, Dayna said, “I look forward to working together with all SMU stakeholders toward continued excellence and continuous improvement at the individual, departmental, school, and institutional levels.”

Please congratulate Dayna on this new role and join me in welcoming her to the Provost’s Office team.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Elizabeth G. Lobo". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

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