



**Elizabeth G. Lobo, Ph. D.**  
**Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs**  
**Office of the Provost**

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Dear Faculty and Staff of the Lyle School of Engineering:

Informed by meetings this spring with the Lyle School of Engineering faculty, staff, students, and Executive Board, I am pleased to announce that Paul Krueger, Department Chair and Professor of Mechanical Engineering, has agreed to serve as Dean *ad interim* of the Lyle School of Engineering. Professor Krueger joined Lyle's Mechanical Engineering faculty in 2002 and has provided twenty years of distinguished service to Lyle and SMU. He is a recipient of the ASME North Texas Section Young Engineering of the Year Award, the Rolf D. Buhler Memorial Award in Aeronautics, the Richard Bruce Chapman Memorial Award for distinguished research in Hydrodynamics, the Faculty Early Career Development (CAREER) Award from the National Science Foundation, and the SMU's Ford research fellowship. In addition to his current leadership role as department chair, Paul served as SMU's Faculty Senate president during the 2017 – 2018 academic year.

Professor Krueger will begin his duties as interim dean on June 1, and will serve in this capacity until a new permanent Dean has been appointed. I have asked Paul to identify an interim department chair in Mechanical Engineering which we will announce in the near future.

The search for the permanent Dean remains on schedule, and to align with the optimal recruiting schedule for this position, I will officially launch that search in August 2022.

Please join me in congratulating Professor Krueger in his new role as Dean *ad interim*.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Elizabeth G. Lobo", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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