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Dear Colleagues:

Having now completed several key leadership positions – such as the Mary and Richard Templeton Dean of the Lyle School of Engineering and the Peter O’Donnell, Jr. Director of the O’Donnell Data Science and Research Computing Institute, we are positioned to begin the process of searching for the next Dean of the Perkins School of Theology.

Since January 2023, Bishop Mike McKee has served as Dean *ad interim* of the Perkins School. He agreed to serve in this capacity upon the planned retirement of the previous incumbent, Craig C. Hill, and until a permanent Dean was named. We are grateful for Dean McKee’s service during this time of leadership transition.

We are finalizing composition of the search committee, which will include members of SMU’s Board of Trustees; the Perkins Executive Board; faculty, staff and students from Perkins; and key university stakeholders who interface with the Perkins School. We are also engaging executive search firms to determine the best option to support this important search.

I will host a kickoff meeting with the search committee within the next few weeks to develop a position description so that we can meet our goal of filling this position by summer 2024. We will continue to provide regular updates through the weekly newsletter.

Elizabeth

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