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I am pleased to announce that, effective January 3, 2023, we have transitioned management oversight of SMU's Office of Global, Online and Continuing Education (GOCE) to Robin Poston, Dean of the Moody School of Graduate and Advanced Studies. GOCE is led by Dr. Michael Robertson and includes SMU Global and Online (GO) and SMU Continuing and Professional Education (CAPE). Since its creation in 2017, GOCE has fallen under several domains within the Office of the Provost, but in conversations over the past year with my leadership team, it has become clear that the Moody School is the best home for GOCE to accomplish its goal to expand SMU's online and continuing education footprint.

Under this new structure, and under the Moody umbrella, GOCE will hire professionals with terminal degrees to lead online graduate programs, stackable certificates, and noncredit pathways in high-demand areas to expand our outreach to adult learners in the DFW area and beyond.

GO will still partner with academic units across campus to support the development and delivery of their online graduate programs, and work with university stakeholders to establish, update, and oversee standards and best practices for online faculty training, course development, and other areas critical to ensuring high-quality online programs and courses. Similarly, CAPE will continue to offer a wide range of on campus and online noncredit programs and courses to help students advance in their careers or transition successfully to new ones.

I want to thank both Peter Moore, Special Advisor to the Provost, for his leadership over SMU GOCE for the past three years and Dean Robin Poston for her openness to accepting these new responsibilities. We are grateful for GOCE's contributions to date and look forward to many future successes in service to our students and our community.

Sincerely,

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