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Dear Colleagues:

I write to ask you to serve on the Search Committee for the Dean of the SMU Lyle School of Engineering. The Search Committee will be comprised of representatives from members of the Lyle School's Executive Board, faculty, staff and undergraduate and graduate students. I am pleased to announce that Sam Holland, Dean of the Meadows School of the Arts, has agreed to serve as Chair of the committee.

The search for the Dean of the Lyle School of Engineering will be assisted by Greg Esposito, Partner of Isaacson, Miller. Greg focuses primarily on higher education leadership roles in public and private institutions, including presidents, provosts, vice presidents, deans, and directors. Since joining Isaacson, Miller in 2010, he has completed several university leadership searches, filling president, chancellor, provost, and a variety of dean roles. His work has included several dean searches for business schools, colleges of veterinary medicine, and schools of engineering.

Please contact Lauren Kelly at laurenkelly@smu.edu by Monday, August 29, 2022, to let me know if you agree to serve on this important committee. Attached for review is the full list of invited committee members. At the first mandatory meeting of the committee, I will provide the charge to the members. A calendar invite with meeting logistics will follow.

Sincerely,

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