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**Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs**  
**Office of the Provost**

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**TO:** Stephanie Knight, Dean, Simmons School of Education and Human Development and Search Committee Chair  
Ernie Barry, Associate Vice President for Budgets and Finance  
Thomas G. Burish, Member, SMU Board of Trustees, Provost Emeritus, University of Notre Dame  
Corey Clark, Deputy Director, Research & Assistant Professor, Computer Science and Engineering, Human and Machine Intelligence Game Lab  
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**FROM:** Elizabeth G. Loba, Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs

**SUBJECT:** Vice Provost for Research and Chief Innovation Officer Search Committee

I write to ask you to serve on the Search Committee for the Vice Provost for Research and Chief Innovation Officer. The Search Committee will be comprised of representatives from members of the faculty and staff. I am pleased to announce that Dr. Stephanie Knight, Dean of the Simmons School of Education and Human Development, has agreed to accept the responsibility to serve as Chair of the committee.

The search for the Vice Provost for Research and Chief Innovation Officer will be assisted by Julie Filizetti, Partner of Isaacson, Miller. Julie 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 2007, Julie has developed strong relationships with many clients who turn to Julie for her ability to adapt to an organization's needs and grow their leadership capacity.

Please contact Janet Dickman at [jdickman@smu.edu](mailto:jdickman@smu.edu) by Monday, September 13, 2021, to let me know if you agree to serve on this important committee. The mandatory first meeting of the Committee will be held on Friday, September 24, 2021, from 3:00 to 5:00 p.m. At this meeting I will provide the charge to the members. A calendar invite with meeting logistics will follow.

cc: Julie Filizetti, Partner, Isaacson, Miller