

February 3, 2023

TO: Vishal Ahuja, Associate Professor, Information Technology and Operations Management, Cox School of Business
Corey Clark, Deputy Director of Research/Guildhall and Assistant Professor, Computer Science and Engineering
Eric Godat, Research and Data Science Services, OIT
Elizabeth Killingsworth, Associate Dean of Academic Initiatives and Director of Fondren Library
Eric Larson, Associate Professor, Department of Computer Science, Lyle School of Engineering
LaiYee Leong, Diversity Officer, Dedman College, Faculty Advisor to the Asian Council, and Lecturer, Department of Political Science
Lin-Lin Lipsmeyer, Department Chair and Professor, Teaching and Learning, Simmons School of Education and Human Development
Bruce Marshall, Lehman Professor of Christian Doctrine, Perkins School of Theology
Peter Moore, Special Advisor to the Provost, and Interim Director, DSI
Suku Nair, Vice Provost for Research/CIO
Joe Phua, Professor and Endowed Distinguished Chair of the Temerlin Advertising Institute, Meadows School of the Arts
Meghan Ryan, Professor of Law and Co-Director of the Tsai Center for Law, Science and Innovation, Dedman School of Law

RE: Peter O'Donnell, Jr. Director of the Data Science Institute

Dear Colleagues:

I write to ask you to serve on the Search Committee for the inaugural Peter O'Donnell, Jr. Director of the Data Science Institute. The Search Committee will be comprised of representatives from members of faculty and staff within SMU's data science ecosystem. I am pleased to announce that Dr. Suku Nair, Vice Provost for Research and Chief Innovation Officer, has agreed to accept the responsibility to serve as Chair of the Search Committee.

This search will be assisted by Andrew Lee, Partner of Isaacson, Miller, who brings more than twenty years of successful leadership searches in the nonprofit, government and technology sectors. His practice focuses on searches where technology, policy, and program intersect.

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Please contact Lauren Kelly at laurenkelly@smu.edu by February 8, 2023 to let me know if you agree to serve on this important committee. The mandatory first meeting of the Committee will be held on **Thursday, March 9, 2023, from 9:00 – 11:00 am in the Palmer Conference Room, Caruth Hall**. At this meeting, I will provide the charge to the members and Mr. Lee will be in attendance to begin the work of developing a position description. A calendar invite with meeting logistics will follow.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Elizabeth G. Lobo", with a large, sweeping flourish at the end.

Elizabeth G. Lobo
Provost and Vice President
for Academic Affairs

cc: Andrew Lee, Isaacson Miller