

May 27, 2022

Dear Colleagues,

served as Vice Provost and Dean of the Graduate School since

solicitations did not preclude others from providing feedback. Please join me in congratulating Dean Knight on her reappointment.

- o Data Science Institute Director *ad interim* and Special Advisor to the Provost – Finally, Peter Moore, Associate Provost for Curricular Innovation and Policy, has been appointed as the Peter O'Donnell Jr. Director of the Data Science Institute *ad interim* effective June 1.

Road to R1/Scholarly Creative Excellence:

SMU's NVIDIA DGX SuperPOD now operational – After a long wait, on-boarding began this week for SMU's new NVIDIA DGX SuperPOD. Our High-performance Computing (HPC) support team initiated the process of migrating several projects to the new system.

Initial SuperPOD on-boarding projects will focus on developing workloads in the areas of artificial intelligence/machine learning, molecular dynamics, and GPU algorithm development. In the weeks ahead, additional on-boarding and training will be provided. As we launch the SuperPOD, we are also excited to announce that a contract has been completed to build the next generation HPC environment: ManeFrame III (M3). To learn more about M3 plans, the SuperPOD and other exciting HPC updates, please access the most recent CRC newsletter [here](#). Thanks to this incredible CRC/OIT partnership, the table is truly set for game-changing computational research at SMU!

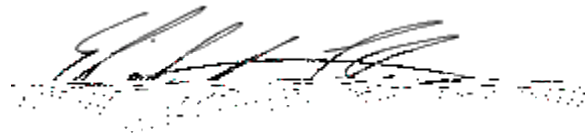
SMU leaders go to Washington D.C. in June to discuss earmarks – The Office of Research, working in coordination with SMU faculty and in consultation with executives from Clark Hill – SMU's federal government relations advisors – has identified several federal funding opportunities earmarked for the federal FY 23 budget that align with SMU faculty members' research strengths. To advocate for SMU's faculty proposals, Clark Hill is arranging a visit to Capitol Hill for SMU

leadership June 13 – 16. During these meetings in Washington D.C., we will have the opportunity to meet with members of Congress (Senate; House) and represent SMU's strengths prior to the finalization of FY 23 budget allocations.

SMU/Bush Institute post-doctoral program update – Thanks to the 12 faculty teams who submitted responses to our request for proposals (RFPs) for our new post-doctoral program with the Bush Institute. Jim Quick, Associate Provost for Research and Dean of the Moody School, and I met with representatives from the Bush Institute yesterday to review submissions. I hope to announce next year's three recipients within the next few weeks.

As educators and, for many of us, parents, the grievance we feel for the people of Uvalde is made even more acute. Yesterday, both Chief Diversity Officer [Maria Dixon Hall](#) and University Chaplain [Reverend Lisa Garvin](#) offered reflections that I would encourage you to read. In a world in which examples of hate and rage continue to abound, may we all strive to extend peace and love to all humankind.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Elizabeth G. Loba', with a decorative flourish underneath.

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