

UT Southwestern Medical Center

Welcome Dr. W.P. Andrew Lee

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To the UT Southwestern Community:

I am very pleased to let you know that Dr. W. P. Andrew Lee started in his new role yesterday as the Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs, Provost, and Dean of UT Southwestern Medical School, and I invite you to join me in welcoming him to Dallas and to UT Southwestern.

As you know, his appointment was the result of an extensive national search, and he is coming to us from Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine, where he was Chair of the Department of Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery. Internationally known for his expertise and accomplishments as a hand and transplant surgeon, Dr. Lee led the surgical team that performed the first double hand transplant and the first above-elbow arm transplant in the United States. The defining characteristics of his career have been his commitment to innovation, to compassionate, patient-centric care, and to translational research, and I am confident that his personal characteristics of integrity, humility, and the ability to listen will contribute significantly to his success in leading UT Southwestern's academic arena.

I also want to take this opportunity to publicly thank Dr. Dwain Thiele for his dedicated and effective service over the past 11 months as the Interim EVP, Provost, and Dean. His extensive knowledge of UT Southwestern, his leadership experience in the Department of Internal Medicine and then in the Dean's Office, combined with his good judgment and strong academic values, allowed us to keep moving forward in important ways during this interim period. Dr. Lee will be working closely with him as he transitions into his new position, and we are all looking forward to having the benefit of Dr. Thiele's ongoing service as Vice Provost and Senior Associate Dean for Faculty Affairs and Initiatives.

Please join me in welcoming Dr. Lee and thanking Dr. Thiele.

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