Leadership Transition in Business Affairs

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To the UT Southwestern Community:

I am writing with a mixture of regret and appreciation to announce that Arnim Dontes, Executive Vice President for Business Affairs, will be leaving UT Southwestern at the end of July to assume a new position as Deputy Dean for Finance and Administration at the Yale School of Medicine.

Arnim came to UT Southwestern in 2011, and for the past 10 years, he has played an important leadership role in our institution, overseeing the activities of more than 15 business- and service-related departments across campus, including Accounting, Budget and Resource Planning, Contracts Management, Facilities Management, Financial Affairs, General Services, Human Resources, Information Resources, Safety and Business Continuity, Sponsored Programs Administration, Supply Chain Management, and the University’s Police Department.

During Arnim’s tenure, he and his team have helped steward the growth of UT Southwestern in every dimension, now overseeing more than 14 million square feet of facilities on multiple campuses with an operating budget of $3.7 billion. In providing administrative support for more than 20,000 faculty, staff and learners, Arnim has made important contributions to virtually every significant campus initiative since he arrived. Arnim and the legions of dedicated UT Southwestern employees within the departments he leads have enabled our institution to advance in all aspects of our mission – facilitating our educational and training programs, making it possible for us to care for our patients, and supporting the work of our investigators.

With Arnim’s anticipated departure, we will launch a national search for his successor.

I am personally grateful to Arnim for all of his contributions and for his dedication to UT Southwestern’s mission. Please join me in congratulating him on his new position, expressing appreciation for all that he has accomplished, and wishing him the very best in his new role.

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