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Dear Horned Frogs,

I am pleased to announce that Dr. Floyd L. Wormley, Jr., has been appointed our new Provost and Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs at Texas Christian University beginning January 1, 2025. In his role, Dr. Wormley will work with faculty, staff and students to advance TCU's mission and scholarly activities in a thriving, impactful academic community. Dr. Wormley's leadership and student-centered commitment to academic excellence will continue to play an instrumental role in our new strategic plan, <u>LEAD ON: Values in Action</u>, strengthening TCU's position among leading national universities and advancing the operations and outcomes across the division of Academic Affairs.



From first joining TCU in 2019 as Associate Provost for Research and Dean of Graduate Studies to serving as Interim Provost for the past year, Dr. Wormley's commitment to service leadership, collaboration and integrity has effectively driven TCU's research, scholarship and creative activities across all disciplines. He is known for his ability to inspire students and colleagues with his energetic and approachable demeanor. His efforts have led to the doubling of TCU's external research expenditures and the expansion of the offices of Sponsored Programs and Research Compliance. Dr. Wormley is a dedicated leader who works tirelessly to enhance the overall graduate and undergraduate student experience, prioritize community engagement and grow professional development opportunities for faculty, staff and students in Academic Affairs, among other University priorities. As Provost, Dr. Wormley will continue to apply his scholarly expertise to advise and mentor campus members in research and creative endeavors. He will continue his research and work with students through his National Institutes of Health (NIH)-funded laboratory. Dr. Wormley is a Fellow of the American Academy of Microbiology (AAM) and the American Association for the Advancement of Sciences. He earned a Bachelor of Science degree from Tulane University, a Master of Science and Ph.D. from Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center and completed postdoctoral training at Duke University Medical Center. Before his role at TCU, Dr. Wormley served as an academic leader, professor and researcher at the University of Texas at San Antonio.

This announcement comes after a highly competitive national search that included outstanding candidates from leading universities. I am deeply grateful for the dedication of the Search Committee, led by co-chairs Dr. Kathy Cavins-Tull and Dr. Omar Harvey, for their diligence and thoughtful consideration of qualified candidates. I also thank all of the campus community members who attended candidate forums and shared valuable feedback. Thank you for your contributions to this successful outcome for TCU.

Guided by our TCU Values of Integrity, Community, Engagement and Excellence, our mission inspires us to create a vibrant, values-centered community where innovation thrives and students succeed through academic inquiry and personal growth. Together, our connected community will lead our great University to excellence in our endeavors throughout the new year and beyond. Please join me in congratulating Provost Wormley.

Lead On, Horned Frogs!

Daniel W. Pullin President

