



UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH FLORIDA
Office of the President

April 26, 2022

From: Rhea F. Law, President

Re: USF Provost Search Committee

To: **John Ramil**, Chair; former University of South Florida Trustee
Balaji Padmanabhan, Vice-Chair; Professor and Director, Center for Analytics and Creativity, Muma College of Business
Norma Alcantar, Professor and Associate Dean for Research, College of Engineering
Tom Cetwinski, Associate Dean, Libraries
Tiffany Chenneville, Professor, Psychology; Marie E. and E. Leslie Cole Endowed Chair in Ethics, College of Arts and Sciences
Allison Crume, Dean, Undergraduate Studies and Associate Vice President, Student Success
Kyaien Conner, Associate Professor, Social Work, College of Behavioral and Community Sciences
Lindy Davidson, Associate Dean for Curriculum and Instruction, Judy Genshaft Honors College
Valeria Garcia, Associate Vice President of Decision Support, Office of Decision Support
Timothy Henkel, Director, Center for Innovative Teaching and Learning, Innovative Education
Kim Hill, Vice President, University Communications and Marketing
Allyssa Jones, Director of Vocal Ensembles, Assistant Instructor, College of the Arts
Sandra Justice, Associate Director, USF Research & Innovation
Charles Lockwood, Senior Vice President, USF Health and Dean, Morsani College of Medicine
Hal Mullis, former University of South Florida Trustee
Steve Murawski, Professor, Dynamics/Marine Ecosystem Analysis; Peter R. Betzer Endowed Chair, College of Marine Science
George Philippidis, Associate Dean of Research; Director of Sustainable Energy, Patel College of Global Sustainability
Jenifer Schneider, Professor, College of Education; Incoming Faculty Senate President

Dear Colleagues,

Fueled by our standing as one of the nation's fastest-rising universities in the realm of research productivity, student success and the positive impact we have on the communities we serve, the University of South Florida is moving on a fast track into a bold and exciting future. Today, our university stands poised to take its next step toward excellence, as we seek an impassioned, inclusive and visionary Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs to provide effective strategic leadership that advances the quality, reputation and ambitious goals of the university. I am inviting each of you to serve on this critically important Search Committee.

John Ramil, who recently retired as the longest-serving member of USF's Board of Trustees, will chair the committee and Balaji Padmanabhan, professor and director of the Center for Analytics and Creativity in the Muma College of Business, will serve as vice-chair. Paige Geers, Chief of Staff to the President, and Angie Sklenka, Vice President and Chief Human Resources Officer, will provide support and further information to the Search Committee.

To further assist with this search, we have contracted Storbeck Search to assist with finalizing the position description, developing an aggressive national search process, and recruiting a robust and diverse pool of qualified candidates.

In this formal charge to the Search Committee, I ask each member to play an active role in tapping your own professional network to identify, recruit and encourage nominations and applications from qualified

individuals. The Committee will conduct an independent review of the candidate pool you and Storbeck Search help build and recommend a list of individuals you collectively deem most highly qualified. The list of finalists should be unranked, and your confidential recommendations should include a summary of each individual's qualifications, as well as their strengths and weaknesses relative to USF's aspirations.

To formally launch the Search Committee, I will host a meeting on Tuesday, May 3, at 1 p.m. (a Teams link will be forthcoming). At this time, I will provide my formal charge to this group, further explain my expectations and the timeline before us and respond to questions you may have.

Thank you for your service and active participation on the Search Committee -- and your dedication to the future of our university.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Rhea F. Law". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'R'.

Rhea F. Law
President

Cc: Paige Geers, Chief of Staff
Angie Sklenka, Vice President and Chief Human Resources Officer