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## **Advisory Search Committee for Dean of the School of Interdisciplinary Arts and Sciences**

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Dear Colleagues,

Thank you for agreeing to serve on the advisory search committee for the position of Dean of the School of Interdisciplinary Arts and Sciences. This committee is composed of outstanding individuals who offer a wide range of expertise and perspectives for this important search. The committee will be co-chaired by Drs. Carolyn West and Raj Katti. Mr. Alberto Pimentel and his team from the SP&A Executive Search firm will assist you in this search. While we prefer to conduct leadership searches in person, the health precautions of the COVID-19 pandemic will very likely require that all or most meetings and interviews will be conducted via Zoom. When we get closer to campus visits, we will consider the state of the pandemic and make decisions then.

We seek a distinguished and visionary leader to serve as the next dean of the School of Interdisciplinary Arts and Sciences, one who will work well with all its stakeholders, including other campus units, community partners, alumni, and donors. The University has a strong commitment to diversity, equity and inclusion, which I ask you to make a top priority throughout the search process. As you recruit and review candidates, please seek nominations and feedback from UW Tacoma faculty, students, and staff, as well as appropriate constituencies within and outside the University of Washington. At the conclusion of the Committee's review, the Co-Chairs will provide the Chancellor and me with a

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written summary on behalf of the Committee detailing the strengths and weaknesses of up to four highly qualified candidates.

The Co-chairs will be in touch with information regarding the agenda for the first meeting. I will attend a portion of that meeting to discuss the committee's charge. Thank you very much for accepting this important role.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'AM', enclosed within a large, loopy oval shape.

Ali Modarres

Interim Executive Vice Chancellor for Academic AffairsProfessor

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