



January 9, 2022

Dear Friends,

I am writing to let you know that, after three years as dean of our law school and 12 years as president, I have accepted the appointment to be dean of the law school at the University of Mississippi effective July 1, 2023. The appointment is contingent upon final approval of the Mississippi Institutions of Higher Learning Board of Trustees at their February board meeting.

As you know, Melany and I grew up in Mississippi and have deep ties there. We met and fell in love at Ole Miss, and it holds a special place in our hearts. Melany received her Bachelors in English and master's in journalism there. I am a graduate of the law school and our twin boys are recent graduates of the university. Being asked to return home to help lead my alma mater, one of the oldest public law schools in America, is an honor for Melany and me.

The work we are doing together here at Texas Wesleyan has been the pinnacle of my professional life. I want to take time to recognize all the hard work you are doing to fulfill Texas Wesleyan's mission in higher education. Melany and I are very proud of the successes you have achieved.

Through your hard work, the University is stronger, more diverse and more accessible than it was 12 years ago. These advancements in the face of unprecedented challenges in higher education are a tribute to your dedication to our *Smaller. Smarter.* university and our students. I am grateful to be a part of this community and its continuing momentum. Because of you, Texas Wesleyan's future is bright.

Glenn Lewis, the chair of the Texas Wesleyan University Board of Trustees, will outline the search process for the University's next president in the coming days. A [media statement](#) will also be sent out today with this announcement.

I look forward to continuing to work with you throughout the spring semester.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Fred Slabach".

Fred Slabach