Search Begins for Next Executive Vice Chancellor of Duke Kunshan University

Provost Sally Kornbluth has announced the initiation of an international search to identify the next Executive Vice Chancellor (EVC) for Duke Kunshan University (DKU). The EVC serves as the senior academic officer responsible for planning and delivering academic programs of world-class quality at the DKU campus, and for representing DKU programs in China, the US and internationally. The EVC is responsible for strategic planning and overseeing, through accountable personnel, the academic, administrative and fiscal operations of DKU.

A search committee has been formed with Eddy Malesky, Duke professor of political science, as chair. Additionally, the executive search firm Spencer Stuart has been hired to assist the search process.

Other members of the search committee include:

- John Blackshear, Interim Dean of Academic Affairs, Trinity College of Arts and Sciences, Duke
- Bill Boulding, Dean and J.B. Duke Fuqua Professor, Fuqua School of Business, Duke
- Kyle Cavanaugh, Vice President for Administration, Duke
- Leo Ching, Associate Professor of Asian and Middle Eastern Studies, Duke
- Marc Deshusses, Professor of Civil and Environmental Engineering, Duke
- Marica France, Dean of Undergraduate Studies, DKU
- Thomas Gorrie, Trustee Emeritus, Duke Board of Trustees and Trustee, DKU Board of Trustees
- Fan Li, Associate Professor of Statistical Science, Duke
- Xin Li, Professor of Electrical and Computer Engineering, Duke and DKU
- Michael Schoenfeld, Vice President for Public Affairs and Government Relations, Duke
- Thomas Shandley, Vice President for Student Life and Dean of Students Emeritus, Davidson College and Former Interim Dean of Student Affairs, DKU
- Lynn Smith Lovin, Robert L. Wilson Professor of Sociology, Duke
- Lingli Tang, Undergraduate Student, DKU
- John Willis, Professor of Biology, Duke

The successful candidate for this position will follow Denis Simon who has served DKU in this role since the summer of 2015 and oversaw the successful launch of the four-year undergraduate degree program in fall 2018. The undergraduate degree program, now in its second year, coupled with DKU’s graduate programs and growing research programs make this an exciting opportunity for a senior, strategic leader who understands the challenges and opportunities in growing a young university in an international setting.

Confidential applications and nominations for the DKU Executive Vice Chancellor, as well as questions pertaining to the search process, should be sent to: DKUEVC@spencerstuart.com.