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MEMORANDUM

To: TAMUK Faculty and Staff

From: James M. Palmer *J. Palmer*
Provost & Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs

Date: August 1, 2025

Re: Announcement of Director for the CFE and QEP

Earlier this year we launched an open search for a new full-time director who would lead the Center for Faculty Excellence (CFE) and direct our efforts with the new Quality Enhancement Plan (QEP), Focus on Your Future. After a very competitive search process with applicants from within and outside TAMUK, we have identified our new director. We are pleased to announce that Dr. Jeffery Chernosky of the Department of Educational Leadership and Counseling, has accepted this important position.

Dr. Chernosky, a first-generation college graduate and internationally recognized educator, brings over 30 years of experience in education, including service in leadership, national training design, and higher education. He currently serves as Coordinator of the Instructional Technology Graduate Program and doctoral faculty in the Department of Educational Leadership and Counseling. His award-winning work—recognized by the International Society for Technology in Education (ISTE), the Texas Digital Learning Association, and international academic communities—focuses on faculty development, culturally responsive andragogy, immersive assessment, and the thoughtful integration of emerging technologies. Known for his approachable leadership style and commitment to mentoring both faculty and first-generation scholars, Dr. Chernosky's research and grant work center on building capacity and advancing student success through inclusive, innovative practice. Rooted in relationships, innovation, and Javelina pride, he brings a servant-leader mindset to every conversation about teaching, learning, and student success.

Dr. Chernosky will retain a 25% teaching load within his department and will also support the QEP's sophomore career touchpoints as Assistant Dean, for which he also applied and was interviewed. In these combined responsibilities, Dr. Chernosky will provide strategic leadership for the CFE and coordinate the implementation and assessment of the QEP. He will work to provide faculty the tools, resources, and opportunities to deliver valuable, innovative, and high-quality learning experiences to facilitate student success, offer workshops and resources covering a variety of topics to support faculty at all career stages, and recognize high-achieving and innovative faculty in teaching, research, and service. He will assist faculty to develop innovation in teaching, collaborate with faculty, staff, and administrators to implement career-focused initiatives, assess student learning outcomes, and ensure continuous improvement on behalf of the QEP.

Please join me in welcoming Dr. Chernosky to this new role starting August 1, 2025.

cc: Robert H. Vela Jr., President
Kristina R. Wilson, Chief of Performance Excellence and Strategy