

**Submitted by: Mark Lawrence Kornbluh, Provost and Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs**

## RECOMMENDATION FOR SENIOR ADMINISTRATIVE APPOINTMENT

### Recommendation

President M. Roy Wilson and Provost Mark Lawrence Kornbluh recommend the appointment of Dr. Hasan Elahi as Dean of the College of Fine, Performing and Communication Arts. This appointment is for a five-year term, effective March 1, 2022.

### Background

Hasan Elahi received his BA in Studio Art from Bloomsburg University of Pennsylvania in 1993 and his MFA in Printmaking from the Cranbrook Academy of Art in 1996. He has extensive administrative experience. He served as Chair for Digital Media Art in the School of Art and Design at San Jose State University from 2008-2010, as Director of The Digital Cultures and Creativity Honors College at the University of Maryland, College Park from 2011-2014, and as Professor and Director of the School of Art at George Mason University from 2019 to the present.

Dr. Elahi has extensive experience in interdisciplinary collaboration. At George Mason, he is affiliate faculty in both the Business for a Better World Center in the School of Business and the Jimmy and Rosalyn Carter School for Peace and Conflict Resolution. He has experience in both inter and intra-university collaborations and has worked closely with community colleges while at George Mason. He has a strong record of activism on diversity, equity, and inclusion.

Dr. Elahi continues to be an exceptionally active and innovative artist. His work investigates interactions between public space and private information, engaging questions of surveillance, privacy, citizenship, migration, borders, and shifting demographics. His work has been presented in numerous exhibitions at venues including SITE Santa Fe, Centre Georges Pompidou, the Sundance Film Festival, the Gwangju Biennale, and the Venice Biennale. His work is frequently in the media and has been covered by The New York Times, Forbes, Wired, and has appeared on Al Jazeera, Fox News, and The Colbert Report. Dr. Elahi has spoken to a broad range of audiences including the World Economic Forum, the American Association of Artificial Intelligence, the International Association of Privacy Professionals, Einstein Forum, TED, National Geographic, and the Tate Modern. His awards include a Guggenheim Fellowship, an Alpert/MacDowell Fellowship, grants from Creative Capital, Art Matters Foundation, the Doris Duke Foundation for Islamic Art, and he is a recipient of a Hugh M. Hefner First Amendment Award. He serves on the National Advisory Council at Creative Capital and on the Advisory Board for the New Media Caucus. He is part of the core faculty at the Chautauqua School of Art summer residency program and has previously been Resident Faculty at Skowhegan School of Painting and Sculpture.

President Wilson and Provost Kornbluh extend their thanks to the members of the Dean Search committee for their work. Dr. Hasan Elahi's leadership experience, commitment to research, creativity, and teaching, to the success of the faculty and students, his artistic achievements and standing, and his commitment to diversity, equity, and inclusion make him an ideal fit for Wayne State University and for the College of Fine, Performing, and Communication Arts.