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Mr. Felipe Rodriguez  
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Dear Felipe,

I am pleased to welcome you to the Volgenau School of Engineering (VSE) Advisory Board. This letter confirms your appointment to a three-year term as a voting member of the board. You are joining this board at a critical time for the Volgenau School, your advice and insights will play a significant role in the School's positioning during our next phase of growth.

As you know, the Volgenau School of Engineering was established in 1985. VSE was the first engineering school in the United States to focus its scholarship primarily on information technology (IT) and math-based engineering as opposed to a traditional physical, materials-based approach. It was also the first to offer a doctoral degree in information technology. Today, the School's programs cover the spectrum of IT education, from introductory courses in IT technology to cutting edge research at the doctoral level. In addition to IT, Ph.D. degrees are now offered in Bioengineering, Civil and Infrastructure Engineering, Computer Science, Electrical and Computer Engineering, Statistical Science, and Systems Engineering and Operations Research. We are constantly adding new degree programs, including a master's in Data Analytics Engineering, a first in the nation BS in Cyber Security Engineering, and a new master's in Cyber Security Engineering.

One of most critical factors in the Volgenau School's continuing success is our commitment to quality and program improvement. The school has enjoyed great success in attracting world-class teaching faculty and researchers. Moving forward we expect to continue to see tremendous growth in our programs and research, and your expertise will be of the upmost importance.

Again, I warmly welcome you to the Board and truly believe you will find that it is an exciting time to be involved with the school. Please feel free to contact me with any questions you may have.

I look forward to seeing you (virtually) at our next board meeting in September.

Best regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kenneth S. Ball".

Kenneth S. Ball, PhD, PE  
Dean

P.S. For a more detailed overview of what we've been doing, take a look at our annual reports on the Volgenau website at [volgenau.gmu.edu/about/annual-reports](http://volgenau.gmu.edu/about/annual-reports).

Cc: Lisa Donnan, Chairperson