Statement of Support

Faculty in Residence (FiR)

Residential Commons

The Residential Commons (RC) will transform student housing campus-wide by providing an integrated academic and residential experience. The Commons will bring live-in faculty and staff members, resident assistants and other student leaders together to create communities of support. Faculty members associated with each commons will have the opportunity to interact informally and mentor students. Each student will have a close-knit, living and learning environment where a rich intellectual, social, and community life can flourish.

Faculty in Residence (FiR)

The FiR program strives to create opportunities for students to know faculty members outside the classroom as well as to enrich the lives of faculty by interacting with students. We envision the position as one grounded in the principles of mentorship by providing students with the opportunity for intellectual discourse and by leading in the development of a vibrant community with the primary goal of fostering individuals who, during their life, will strive to improve the human condition. The FiR role is a cornerstone of the Residential Commons experience.

EXPECTATIONS:

- Serve as the intellectual leader of their residential commons and work together with the Residential Community Director in cultivating and engaging the community
- Build individual relationships with residents by interacting with them regularly
- Create opportunities to get to know all students informally and create an academic environment supported by the residential staff
- Be visible in the community by attending programs and events hosted by the residential commons and university
- Uphold the SMU Code of Ethics in every aspect of their role

(If the individual is pre-tenure: the following signatures also indicates confidence that serving as a Faculty in Residence will not negatively impact the tenure outlook for the applicant.)

Applicant:	_____	_____	_____
	Name	Signature	Date
Dept. Chair (if applicable):	_____	_____	_____
	Name	Signature	Date
Dean:	_____	_____	_____
	Name	Signature	Date
Provost:	_____	_____	_____
	Name	Signature	Date