

Deans, Associate Deans, and Chairs,

With a goal of staying connected on internal governance issues, the Provost Office sends a monthly Roundup on the final Friday of each month to the internal university leadership.

New Faculty Awards Director Hired—in response to high demand and requests from faculty, the deans each contributed Performance-Based Funding to re-establish an SMU Director of Faculty Awards. We are grateful to our faculty colleagues who served on the interview committee and are pleased to announce that Dr. Brenna Rivas accepted the position and began in this role mid-January. She has already begun to work directly with faculty and will be announcing upcoming workshops and events throughout the spring term. Please join in welcoming her—and spread the word to faculty by encouraging them to reach out directly, either through brivas@smu.edu or facultysuccess@smu.edu.

Engaged Learning Fellowship Deadline February 15. If you have undergraduate students who need financial support to complete capstone projects in research, service, and creative activity please encourage them to apply for an [Engaged Learning Fellowship](#). The program awards up to \$2500 per student to pursue their project. Upon completion, the project title is included on their transcript. All fellows work closely with a faculty mentor and a staff mentor in the Office of Engaged Learning. The next application deadline is February 15.

University Testing Center Reminders for Spring. Since 2018, conversations to establish a testing center to serve the SMU community were occurring. A Provost Office Testing Center Strategic Committee was formed, and working with the University Space Committee, space was identified in 2021 to establish the University Testing Center (UTC) in the basement of Clements Hall (G15). [On August 22, 2022, a three-phased opening of the center began.](#) In phase one, most accommodated testing - for students with testing accommodations approved by [Disability Accommodations & Success Strategies \(DASS\)](#) – will be proctored by the center. The test proctoring process and reservations of testing seats remains the same within [DASS Link](#). In summer 2023, phase two will pilot the expansion of services to student athletes during their sport's competition season. The final phase, depending on space usage and demand, will be to add placement testing, evaluation services. [A handful of other campus test proctoring services will remain operational and resources to instructors.](#) Learn more about the new testing center, eligibility for testing, policies, and booking processes at smu.edu/testing.

Global, Online and Continuing Education: The Moody School provides administrative oversight for degree and credit-bearing certificate programs offered through the Office of Global, Online and Continuing Education (SMU GOCE). All new credit-bearing programs offered through SMU GOCE must be approved through the following process:

A planning notice of intent will be circulated to the deans of all colleges and schools at SMU. Deans may respond in one of three ways:

1. They may reserve the program for development and delivery within their college or school by committing to begin program development in consultation with SMU GOCE.
2. They may indicate that they support development of the new program within SMU GOCE and may nominate a faculty member to participate in program planning.
3. They may indicate that they have no objection with the program moving forward without the involvement of their school.

If none of the deans reserves the program for development within their college or school, curriculum development for the new program will be overseen by the Moody School Online Curriculum Committee,

made up of faculty engaged in online education and appointed in consultation with their school deans, and will include representatives of the schools that indicated interest in the new program. Curriculum proposals will be forwarded to the Educational Programs Committee and the Board of Trustees for final approval. For every approved program, the Moody School, in consultation with interested school deans, will oversee the administration of the program.

We welcome your suggestions for future areas to feature in the monthly roundup; email facultysuccess@smu.edu. You can [find past issues at this link](#).