



Office of the President

Dear Dr. Vogel,

Thank you for forwarding the resolution in support of non-binary and transgender members of the SMU community passed by the Faculty Senate on March 3, 2022. SMU reaffirms its support with the following statement:

Southern Methodist University is a proud Texas university. We treasure our Texan heritage and are pleased that over 60,000 alumni and 52% of our current Mustangs call this state home.

Consistent with the University's longstanding nondiscrimination policy which includes nondiscrimination on the basis of sexual orientation and gender identity and expression, we affirm that SMU will remain a place where our LGBTQ+ community, who identify as transgender, can work, learn, teach, and thrive in the safety afforded to all members of SMU.

Our values, which serve as our foundation and are interwoven in our relationships with one another, reside in a simple truth: **All Mustangs are valued.**

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "R. Gerald Turner".

R. Gerald Turner
SMU President

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Elizabeth G. Lobo".

Elizabeth G. Lobo, PhD
Provost and Vice President for
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