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Dear Colleagues:

Thank you for your interest in, and commitment to, advancing SMU's academic mission. These weekly updates will serve as a tool to keep you informed and engaged with SMU's Academic Affairs division as, together, we manage a safe, healthy and productive spring semester. If you have suggestions for what we should include in future communications, please send your ideas to this [email address](#). Previous newsletters are available [here](#).

To honor Friday's holiday, this week's update comes a day early, is more consolidated than normal and focuses on only the most critical updates as we head into next week. We will resume regular weekly Friday updates next week, continuing through May Commencement.

Most importantly, I encourage everyone to take full advantage of this week's holiday to rest, recoup, and recharge for the remaining weeks of the spring 2022 semester.

Other Critical Updates

- **Dean of the Moody School of Graduate and Advanced Studies and Associate Provost for Graduate Education vision talks next week** – Click [here](#) for information on how to participate in next week's campus visit, scheduled for Monday, April 18 from 10:30 am – 11:30 am in Crum Auditorium – with the first of four finalists for this position.
- **Participate in workload transparency and university-level service survey** – In partnership with the President's Council for the Status of Women, we would appreciate your input on workload transparency and university-

level service. The survey is estimated to take 5-10 minutes to complete and is anonymous:

Click [here](#) for the anonymous link to the survey. You will note in the survey an option to identify your department, which is optional.

- **Request for proposal (RFP): SMU–Bush Institute post-doctoral program**
– The Office of the Provost, in partnership with the George W. Bush Institute, is pleased to announce the creation of a new post-doctoral fellowship program with the goals of encouraging collaborative research between SMU and the Institute and increasing the number of post-doctoral fellows at SMU.

All SMU tenured and tenure-track faculty are eligible to submit proposals and to serve as PI. All faculty, including non-tenured-tenure-track faculty, may serve as co-PI on proposals and awards. One proposal may be submitted per year per PI. There are no restrictions on the number of proposals on which a faculty member can serve as co-PI. Proposals must be submitted by May 2, 2022, to provost@smu.edu in 11-point or greater font and not exceed two, 8.5. x 11 pages in length. Click [here](#) for additional information.

Sincerely,



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