

Agenda: New Faculty Orientation
Thursday, August 20, 2026
(Subject to change)

8:30-9:00	Breakfast served/new faculty arrival & HR available for document review
9:00-9:15	Welcome to SMU: Provost Rachel Mersey
9:15-9:30	“You Belong Here”—SMU & your professional community
9:30-10:15	Undergraduate & Graduate Students at SMU • Moody School of Graduate and Advanced Studies ◦ <i>Alan Itkin, Assistant Provost for Academic Affairs & Chief of Staff for Moody School</i> • Student profiles ◦ <i>Wes Waggoner, Vice Provost for Enrollment Management</i> • Undergraduate academic support services ◦ <i>Sheri Kunovich, Associate Provost for Student Academic Engagement & Success</i>
10:15 – 10:35	Interactive Activity
10:35 -11:20	Faculty Wellbeing and Resources • Faculty Wellbeing: Telehealth, Magellan, Cariloop ◦ <i>Rebecca Sampson, Senior HR Specialist – Employee Relations</i> • Office of the Chaplain & Religious Life (Rev. Lisa Garvin) ◦ <i>Rev. Lisa Garvin, Chaplain and Minister to the University</i> • Faculty Senate ◦ <i>Jim Lee, Faculty Senate President and Associate Professor of Sociology</i>
11:20-11:50	Accreditation & Equal Opportunity Policies • Curriculum and Assessment ◦ <i>Susana Adoboe, Senior Spanish Lecturer & Faculty Fellow for IPE</i> ◦ <i>Brooke Guelker, Associate Director for Assessment</i> • Office of Equal Opportunity ◦ <i>Samantha Thomas, Assistant Vice President for Equal Opportunity, and Title IX Coordinator</i>
11:50 -12:40	Lunch with SMU Department Chairs
12:40-1:40	Faculty Academic Supports • Academic Technology ◦ <i>Eric Godat - Director, OIT Research Technology Services</i> ◦ <i>Faye Hughes - Academic Technology Services Director (ATSD) for Dedman College, Manager, Meadows Digital Arts & Services</i> ◦ <i>Jennifer Jordan - Manager, Online Production Services</i> ◦ <i>Jennifer Mayes - Manager, Canvas & Instructional Systems</i> • SMU Libraries ◦ <i>Megan Heuer, Director of Educational initiatives</i> ◦ <i>Carrie Johnston, Director of Research and Scholarly Initiatives</i>
1:40 -2:10	Faculty Teaching & Research Support (15 minutes each) • Center for Teaching Excellence ◦ <i>Constantin Icleanu - Director, Center for Teaching Excellence</i> • Office of Research ◦ <i>Suku Nair – Vice President for Research and Chief Innovation Officer</i>
2:10 – 2:45	Office of Faculty Success