

Department Chairs, Associate Deans, and Deans,

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.

SMU Global Strategy Committee. SMU is pleased to announce the formation of the Global Strategy Committee, a new initiative designed to guide and support the university's global engagement efforts. This committee was created in response to recommendations developed during SMU's recent participation in the ACE Internationalization Laboratory, a program that helps institutions advance comprehensive internationalization strategies. The committee will play a key role in shaping and coordinating SMU's global vision and activities across campus. We are delighted to share that Associate Provost for Institutional Planning and Effectiveness, Dayna Oscherwitz and Assistant Professor Kelly McKowen from the Department of Anthropology will serve as co-chairs, bringing a wealth of experience and insight to this important work. Learn more about the committee and its goals at smu.edu/provost/assessment/global-strategy.

Listening Session for International Faculty. The ISSS, Office of Institutional Planning and Effectiveness, and Office of Faculty Success co-hosted a listening session for international faculty on April 22nd. A summary of this information will be forthcoming within the next week and will include links to resources and further information. The ISSS is hosting a new weekly series at 4:00 via Zoom: "Wednesday Wisdom with ISSS." All faculty and students are welcome to attend. For more information, reach out to facultysuccess@smu.edu or Claudia Sotomayor Hart at iss@smu.edu.

Removing References to the University Curriculum: As we prepare to sunset the University Curriculum (UC) this summer, we wanted to notify faculty that the UC website and associated materials will be decommissioned. With only 54 students remaining on this curriculum—most of whom are expected to graduate this spring—it is time to begin phasing out references to the UC. We kindly ask that faculty review their syllabi and remove any specific references to UC Student Learning Outcomes (SLOs) in preparation for the upcoming academic year. This summer UC requirements will also be removed from my.SMU Advanced Course Search and removed from the Registrar Forms Library. More communications and details will be shared this summer, along with reminders in early fall.

SMU Graduation Survey. Each term, the Office of Institutional Planning and Effectiveness (IPE) sends a survey to all graduating students (graduate and undergraduate) to gather information about their future plans (employment, graduate school, military service, etc.). This information is vital to SMU because it supports the calculation of employment outcomes, graduate school acceptance rates, and average salary information that we report publicly and to various agencies. The quality and accuracy of this information directly impacts SMU's reputation and informs decisions by prospective students about whether or not to attend SMU. Data collected is aggregated and reported on the [SMU Career Outcomes dashboard](#). IPE will be launching the survey for May graduates on Friday,

April 25. Please encourage all students graduating at all levels to complete this survey. It takes only about 10 minutes to complete, and it directly impacts the value of our current – and future – students' SMU degree.

Call for Proposals and Registration open: SMU Annual Place-Based Community Engagement (PBCE) Symposium. The deadline for the PBCE Symposium's [call for proposals](#) is April 30, 2025 at 11:59 p.m. This will be the 4th annual [SMU Place-Based Community Engagement Symposium](#), a gathering of thought leaders, academics, community leaders, and nonprofit professionals from SMU and the DFW area. Please share this with your department and encourage faculty, especially those who engage in community-engaged research or teaching. This event is designed to explore the transformative potential of community engagement within specific geographic contexts. This year's theme is Thriving Together: A Place-Based Approach to Combating Isolation through Connected Communities. The symposium takes place in early November.

Faculty Activity Reporting: Overview of Transition to Interfolio. The transition to Interfolio from Digital Measures/Watermark will be completed over the summer. In April information sessions were hosted with each of these groups: department chairs, associate deans, and deans. In May, the Faculty Senate will have an update on progress. [The informational slide deck can be found here](#). Anyone interested in learning more or engaging with the transition over the summer can reach out to facultysuccess@smu.edu.

Opportunities for Faculty in Undergraduate Programs. The Office of Student Engagement and Success sent an email to all faculty on Monday, April 21st, to encourage their participation in a number of opportunities to engage with undergraduate students: serving as faculty mentors in the Honors Societies and Scholars Programs (Mustang and President Scholars), teaching in the University Honors Program and University Foundations programs, and participating in the Honors Oxford Tutorials and Honors Travel Courses. Faculty with interest in these opportunities were encouraged to work collaboratively with their department chairs to manage time commitments and professional goals. For more information, reach out to academicsuccess@smu.edu.

Keep the community informed about faculty awards: Please let us know if you have received or have been nominated for an award – or if you have nominated an SMU colleague [at this link](#).

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](#).