

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.

**ISSS Updates and Information Sessions.** The ISSS Office remains dedicated to keeping our community informed about the latest immigration policies and university best practices that impact international students, scholars, and foreign nationals. Regular updates and official guidance will continue to be posted in the [News and Alerts](#) section of the ISSS website. The Wednesday Wisdom Webinar Series will continue throughout the summer on a bi-weekly basis. On June 25, ISSS hosted a special session featuring Claudia Hart, Executive Director of ISSS, and Charla Truett, immigration attorney at the Gump Firm. They shared timely updates on travel bans, visa applications, and other key immigration developments. To support increased processing needs, ISSS has received approval to hire a new staff member, further strengthening our ability to serve international faculty and staff. Claudia Hart is actively engaging with stakeholders to gather feedback on the current recruiting and onboarding process for sponsoring international faculty and staff. **Claudia Hart has developed a [survey](#) to collect input and also welcomes direct emails from sponsoring faculty who wish to share their perspectives or schedule a conversation.** Her email address is [claudiahart@smu.edu](mailto:claudiahart@smu.edu). Your feedback is essential in helping us improve our processes and enhance the overall experience of hiring and retaining international talent. If you have any questions or would like to participate in these discussions, please don't hesitate to contact them at [iss@smu.edu](mailto:iss@smu.edu).

**Interfolio FAR is Launching – Fall 2025.** Interfolio Faculty Activity Reporting (FAR) is SMU's new system for collecting, reviewing, and reporting faculty activity data. It will replace Digital Measures and be used for annual reporting, merit reviews, and other key processes beginning in Fall 2025. In partnership with OIT, we will host a training session on Tuesday, August 19. You can register here: [SMU Booking Link](#). Over the summer, to help support a smooth transition, we are also offering two targeted Zoom workshops. Calendar invites for both sessions are forthcoming; please join as your interest and summer calendars permit:

- **July 14 – How to Support Faculty:** Learn how to guide your faculty in updating their profiles and navigating the new system.
- **August 4 – How to Pull Reports:** Get hands-on training on generating reports for department and school-level use.

**Qwickly Attendance Platform: Summer Pilot Program Launches.** Over 50 faculty have agreed to participate in the soft launch of the Qwickly attendance platform this summer. Beginning this fall, the use of this platform will be optional for faculty and required in all courses that have students enrolled who meet SMU-in-Four strategic priorities. The feedback from faculty this summer will support a smooth rollout in the fall. For more information, reach out to [facultysuccess@smu.edu](mailto:facultysuccess@smu.edu).

**AI Knowledge Support through GOCE and CAPE.** SMU Global, Online and Continuing Education has opportunities to support learning around AI. Continuing and Professional Education (CAPE) offers flexible, noncredit AI courses. Global & Online (GO) offers a customizable graduate certificate in AI that pulls from courses across Lyle, Perkins, and Dedman. We encourage you to be familiar with these SMU options as faculty and students look for additional support. You can find more information at [AI Areas of Study](#).

**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](mailto:facultysuccess@smu.edu). You can [find past issues at this link](#).