

Department Chairs, Associate Deans, and Deans,

With a goal of staying connected, the Provost Office is sending a monthly Roundup on the final Friday of each month to the internal university leadership. We know that your time is limited, so no action will be required on your part in response to these messages. Sometimes topics arise about which you would like an opportunity to provide input, and we hope this mechanism will serve the goal of keeping you informed around internal communications and governance issues.

_____ : Encourage your faculty who are new to SMU within the last 1-3 years to look into this opportunity at SMU, open to all faculty who joined SMU in 2019 or later, inclusive of all career tracks (pre-tenure, tenured, non-tenure line). We are offering a supportive New Faculty Success Program as a year-long, cohort-based program that meets for monthly brunch with topics and webinars

this approved SMU form. For example, students with financial means can afford to obtain a formal excuse through more expensive after-care centers, which might not be an option for all students.

. As a reminder, the approved [guidelines](#) can be found at this link. An announcement about the updated guidelines was made on August 9 from the Provost Office. For more information about the process by which these guidelines were developed, contact Faculty Senate President Rob Frank at robfrank@smu.edu. Faculty who would like to offer Zoom-based options for office hours can certainly do so at their students' request, as Zoom can be a useful and efficient mode for one-on-one office hours. However, because SMU is an in-person university, faculty must also host the option for students to attend in-person office hours.

We welcome your suggestions for future areas to feature in the monthly roundup; email facultysuccess@smu.edu.