

# Weekly Update | October 28, 2022

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Dear Faculty and Staff:

These weekly updates will serve as a tool to keep you informed and engaged with SMU's Academic Affairs as, together, we work toward achieving the goals that fall within our four priority areas through 2025: 1) Academic excellence/US News and World Report top 50, 2) Road to R1: Research and Scholarly/Creative Excellence, 3) 2016 – 2025 Strategic Plan and 4) Inclusive Excellence.

If you have suggestions for what we should include in future communications, please send your ideas to [eloba@smu.edu](mailto:eloba@smu.edu). Previous newsletters are available [here](#).

Today's update falls into three categories: 1) Fall 2022, 2)

## Continued Refinements to SMU's Adverse Events and Inclement Weather Response

Based on faculty and staff suggestions, as well as feedback stemming from the working group of faculty and academic staff assembled last

## Federal Research Workshop on Thursday, October 27 and Friday, October 28

Yesterday, SMU hosted a federal research workshop on campus to support the development of research projects to be submitted to the U.S Congress as part of the FY 2024 earmark and/or appropriation process.

Thanks to those faculty who were able to participate. We look forward to your proposals. For those who were unable to attend, please access either the video recording [here](#) or the presentation [here](#). For more information or questions, contact [Suku Nair](#), Associate Provost for Research and Interim

## Key leadership Searches Underway: Lyle School of Engineering

In August, I launched [the search committee](#) for our next Dean of the Lyle School of Engineering. My thanks to committee members for their service and to Sam Hollander and Arthur H. Meadows, Endowed Dean of the Meadows School of the Arts, for agreeing to chair this committee.

Click [here](#) to review the position description that is now being broadly advertised and please share it with your colleagues within your network. I will continue to provide regular updates in subsequent newsletters.

## News and Noteworthy

### Endowed Deanship to Empower the Future of Dedman College

Last week, SMU [announced](#) a \$5M gift from Liz and Bill Armstrong to endow and name the dean position for the Dedman College of Humanities and Sciences. This historic gift, part of the SMU [50th](#) capital campaign, will

## Boaz Commons Hosts Honest Conversation with Two World Changer

This week, Boaz Commons invited Colin Allred, our district's Congressman, and Congressional candidate