

key systems such as *US News & World Report* (USN&WR) and the *Wall Street Journal/Times Higher Education*

All members of each ESAC reviewed and scored all proposals assigned to their committee prior to a two-day Zoom meeting in which each proposal was discussed in detail to identify possible targets for University investment and to

reporting tool in the near future. We are developing a new dashboard tool that will provide even more information and transparency and will let you know once the dashboard is available.

Update on the spring 2021 calendar Last week, I [launched](#) a calendar committee consisting of key faculty and staff to explore options for the spring 2021 calendar that will promote campus health while maintaining the strength of teaching and learning. I have asked the committee to provide me multiple scenarios for the spring 2021 calendar by October 5. After consultation with the deans and Faculty Senate leadership, I plan to present a recommendation to the PEC for review and approval. We will announce our plans for the spring 2021 academic calendar once approved.

Change in enrollment dates for spring 2021 In order to create a schedule of classes that has the appropriate balance of course modality delivery and to clearly communicate to students the delivery style of each class before they enroll, SMU has decided to move continuing undergraduate student enrollment for spring term to the week of November 16th through November 20th. As a result of this change, continuing student enrollment, which typically takes place over a three-week period, will now occur over a one-week period. Faculty advisors are encouraged to contact student advisees in advance and recommend to them that they schedule advising appointments in the two to three-week period preceding registration, or possibly earlier; students should also be encouraged to enroll at the beginning of their assigned enrollment window. The compacted registration schedule will cause classes to fill up more quickly than they typically do, and even minor delays in enrollment could limit the course options available to students.

Faculty/student survey for early impressions on fall 2020 Two weeks ago, we gave faculty and students an opportunity to provide feedback on their experiences during the first weeks of the semester. Many thanks to the team of faculty (notably, Alan Itkin, Johnitha Johnson, Meredith Richards, and Elizabeth Stringer) for their thoughtful input, data analysis, and report generation, the fruits of which will be made available next week. Both surveys asked a number of multiple choice items with options for open-ended responses across the areas of campus health safety, classroom experiences, university communications, and operational supports. The report draws on the descriptive statistics of those questions, as well as a synthesis across all open-ended responses to explo

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Call for faculty to serve on the Faculty Athletics Admissions subcommittee this year As a reminder, please [e-mail Dr. Sheri Kunovich](#), Associate Provost for Student Academic Engagement and Success, if you are a faculty member interested in serving on the Faculty Athletic Admissions subcommittee to support student athletes admitted to SMU. The time commitment is approximately 20 hours over the course of the fall and spring semester.

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responses to the items the development of appropriate implementation timelines for many of the key activities. President R. Gerald Turner has assured the Forum of a response by September 30, and we remain on track to fulfilling that commitment.

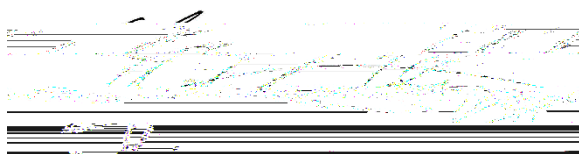
SMU named as one of the best sports management programs in the country [study](#), SMU is ranked number three out of 413 sports management programs in the country (trailing only Rice and the University of Michigan Ann Arbor). The Best Colleges for Sports Management ranking is based on rigorous analysis of academic, admissions, financial, and student life data from the U.S. Department of Education along with millions of reviews from students and alumni. Congratulations to the Simmons School, to Peter Carton, Director of Sport Management and Clinical Assistant Professor, and to the entire Sports Management faculty!

Emerging leaders fall seminar series begins today, September 25 This semester- will give emerging faculty leaders an opportunity to supplement their knowledge and expertise with a larger sense of the University as a whole. The seminar's goals are two-fold: 1) participating faculty will develop and refine their own interests in pursuing intellectual and administrative leadership positions, and 2) SMU will benefit from the ongoing contributions of engaged, informed thought leaders. [emerging leaders](#).

Just-in-Time teaching The Center for Teaching Excellence has completed this -in-Time Teaching and Technology grants. Grants were awarded to 16 faculty across five schools. These grants are sponsored by CTE and OIT and will impact 753 students and their faculty this semester, with many of the tools also ready for use in future semesters.

With reduced capacity in Ford Stadium for the Saturday, September 26 game against Stephen F. Austin, 1,200 tickets were c

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