March 4, 2022

Dear Colleagues:

academic mission. These weekly updates will serve as a tool to keep you on as, together, we manage a safe, healthy and productive spring semester. If you have suggestions for what we should include in future communications, please send your ideas to this <u>email address</u>. Previous new sletters are available <u>here</u>.

## <u>Spring 2022</u>

Office of Engaged Learning hosted second ever "lab-hopping" day After receiving positive response in fall 2021, the Office of Engaged

event provided undergraduate students exposure to the broad range of

researchers. My thanks to Engaged Learning staff for organizing this event

COVID-19 health and safety reminders Please continue consulting the <u>Mustang Strong website</u> regularly for the latest information, as our pandemic response is dynamic. SMU continues to provide <u>testing options</u> for faculty, staff and their eligible dependents as well as <u>vaccinations and</u> <u>boosters</u>. If you test positive (including using an at-home kit), please report the results to your supervisor and complete the <u>SMU Health Reporting</u> <u>Form</u>. SMU also continues to provide <u>N-95 masks</u> for faculty and staff who wish to use them in their workspace.

## Road to R1/Scholarly Creative Excellence:

Statement from President Turner regarding tenure Last week, and in response to a request from Dr. Pia Vogel, Faculty Senate President, President Turner provided the following <u>statement</u> affirming S commitment to the principles of academic freedom and tenure.

and tenure. This an important reminder, particularly as the <u>Advisory Committee on Promotion and Tenure</u> has begun its deliberations on the 21 faculty members whose dossiers are under consideration for promotion, tenure and/or promotion and tenure this year.

University Research Council (URC) announces call for research and travel grant proposals We are pleased to announce resumption of the URC research and travel grant program for the spring proposal cycle of academic year 2022 2023. Proposals for research and travel grants may be submitted for consideration at this time, and the deadline for submission is Monday, April 4, by 5:00 p.m. See <u>here</u> for additional details and submission instructions.

Key leadership searches underway

• Peter O'D onnell, Jr. D ata Science Institute Director: **Jm Quick, Dean** of the Moody School of Graduate and Advanced Studies and Associate Provost for Research; and Peter Moore, Associate Provost for Curricular Innovation and Policy, will co-chair our search for the newly-endowed not preclude others from providing feedback. Please join me in congratulating Dean Myers on his reappointment.

Perkins' Baptist House of Studies receives \$2.7M grant from Baugh Foundation

has been awarded a \$2.7 million, three-year grant from the Eula Mae and John Baugh Foundation, a Texas-based foundation committed to supporting the work of faith-based, nonprofit organizations.

The grant will fund approximately ten full-time Baptist students Doctor of Ministry, and Doctor of Pastoral Music degree programs as Baugh Scholars. In addition to covering full tuition and fees, the fund will provide emergency aid for students enrolled in the program.

Kudos to Rev. Dr. Jamie Clark-Soles, Founding Director of the Baptist House, for this award. Dr. Andy Keck, Director of Strategic Initiatives, and Perkins MDiv students Lindsay Bruehl and Bryson Hill have been essential to the success of the initiative.

SMU librarian selected as fellow in the Association of Research Libraries (ARL) Leadership and Career Development Program Rahni Kennedy has been selected as a fellow for the prestigious and competitive 2022-2023 <u>ARL Leadership and Career Development Program</u>. The LCDP is a yearlong, cohort based, experience shared by 25 librarians from the U.S. and Canada. The program is open to mid-career BIPOC professionals from within academic and research institutions. Please join me in congratulating Rahni on being selected to participate in the 2022-2023 LCDP!

Campus call for Faculty-in-Residence (FiR) applications The Offices of the Provost and the Vice President for Student Affairs are now seeking faculty candidates to serve as the Faculty-in-Residence (FiR) in McElvaney Commons. The successful candidate will begin a three-year appointment in the fall 2022 semester.

organized by the Moody School of Graduate and Advanced Studies, the Office of Engaged Learning, and the Office of National Student Fellowships taking place March 28 April 1, 2022.

Please encourage students who are conducting research under your