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## Elizabeth G. Loba, Ph.D. Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs

Dear Faculty and Staff,

Affairs division as, together, we work toward achieving the goals that fall within our four priority areas through 2025: 1) Academic Excellence, 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 this [email address](#). Previous newsletters are available [here](#).

Road to R1:  
Research and Scholarly/Creative Excellence, 4) Inclusive Excellence and 5) News and Noteworthy.

## Fall 2023

### Faculty Internationalization Survey results

As [ACE Internationalization Laboratory](#) and the internationalization self-study process that accomp international experiences and activities. The survey was sent to all full-time SMU faculty in the month of October with a 46 percent total response rate. The summary report of results is available to the SMU community [here](#) (SMU log-in credentials required). The results from the survey will be incorporated into the self-study report, which is expected to release in spring 2024.

### Clery reporting and SMU official off-campus site list

SMU is required by law to report to the Federal Government as part of our Clery reporting all off-campus sites (including abroad sites) where educational or instructional activity occurs on a regular basis. In addition, we are required to report to the [Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges](#) (SACSCOC) all off-campus sites (including abroad sites) where 25 percent or more of an academic program (major or degree) is delivered, any increase in the amount of instruction delivered, as well as the closure of any off-campus sites. To manage compliance SMU requires that all off-campus instructional sites be proposed and approved through the [Educational Programs Committee](#) (EPC) and the Board of Trustees before any instruction is delivered. Any

closure of an off-campus instructional site must be approved by the EPC, the Board of Trustees, and SACSCOC before instruction is stopped. There are significant financial and legal penalties for failing to comply with these requirements. Please note, internship and externship sites are excluded from Clery reporting.

To ensure accurate approval and reporting of off-campus sites, the Office of Institutional Planning and Effectiveness has created a list of [all approved SMU off-campus sites](#). I ask that all faculty members and department chairs review this list for accuracy and report any errors to Dayna Oscherwitz, Associate Provost for Institutional Planning and Effectiveness, at [oscherwi@smu.edu](mailto:oscherwi@smu.edu). Additionally, starting spring 2024, the Office of Institutional Planning and Effectiveness will send all department chairs a brief survey asking for information about any sites not included on the official list or the impending closure of any site on this list at the beginning of each term. Please help keep SMU in good standing by regularly reviewing the official list, reporting any changes through EPC and responding to the surveys about off-campus sites if you receive them.

### **First-Gen Fest 2023 recap**

First-Generation Initiative and partner departments hosted the fourth annual First-Gen Fest in recognition of the national First-Generation College Celebration. The

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## Academic Excellence

### **Moody School of Graduate and Advanced Studies highlighted in NBC program segment**

The Moody School of Graduate and Advanced Studies and the Frances Anne Moody Hall were highlighted last week in an NBC program segment designed to inform the Dallas community and beyond of the many exceptional graduate programs that SMU has to offer and to highlight the outstanding graduate educational experience led by our faculty across campus. The [NBC5 segment about the Moody School](#) was broadcast on Wednesday, November 1. It was also featured at the top of the [NBC5 homepage](#) on Thursday and was simultaneously the lead story on the [Texas Today page](#).

### **Perkins School of Theology dean search underway**

As mentioned in [last week's newsletter](#), I launched and charged the search committee for the next dean of the Perkins School of Theology on Thursday, November 2. Now that the committee has convened, they will begin engaging with our executive search partner, [William Funk & Associates](#), to start drafting the position description that will inform our search.

Additional information regarding the search will be announced in upcoming newsletters.

## Road to R1: Research and Scholarly/Creative Excellence

## **GAI 5fhghin-residence sells out Carnegie Hall**

Sergei Babayan, the Joel Estes Tate Endowed Chair in Piano and Artist in Residence in Meadows S -out show in Carnegie Hall on November 2, 2023. Babayan, who last played Carnegie Hall in 2018 with his protégé, Daniil Trifonov, returned with a recital of his most celebrated repertoire. The program consisted of multiple pieces composed by Liszt, Rachmaninoff and Franz Shubert and included *Fantasia* by Vladimir Ryabov and concluded *Kreisleriana*.

## **A YUXck g'GW cc`cZH Y'5flg'ZJW`lma Ya VYf5=generated portraits on exhibition in New York**

series of works currently on exhibit at [Artmatr](#), an art gallery in Brooklyn, New York. Professor

