

**March 8**

## **Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs**

Dear Faculty and Staff,

These weekly updates will serve as a tool to keep you informed and engaged with SMU's Academic 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 [submit your ideas through this form](#). Suggestions received before noon on Tuesday will be reviewed and considered for publication in that week's Friday newsletter. Others will be held until the following week. Previous newsletters are available [here](#).

Today's update falls into four categories: 1) Spring 2024, 2) Academic Excellence, 3) Road to R1: Research and Scholarly/Creative Excellence, and 4) News and Noteworthy.

## **Spring 2024**

### **Recap: Executive Board meetings**

This week, I had two opportunities to provide Academic Affairs updates – one to members of the Perkins School of Theology Executive Board and one to members of the Meadows School of the Arts Executive Board.

#### *Perkins Executive Board*

On Wednesday, March 6, I met with the Perkins School of Theology Executive Board and presented three information items. The first topic was SMU's February 29 submission of our Texoma





