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Dear Faculty and Staff:

These weekly updates will serve as a tool to keep you informed and engaged with

suggestions for what we should include in future communications, please send your ideas to this [email address](#). Previous newsletters are available [here](#)

ad to R-1, 2) Fall 2020, 3) Spring 2021, and 4) News and Noteworthy.

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Fiscal Year (FY) 2021 2022 Budget Process Between now and the early December budget submission deadline, I will be meeting with Deans and Associate Provosts to review their proposed budgets. These meetings

transparency and collaboration across the academic units with clear focus on our 2016 2025 Strategic Plan, BUF Action Plan Responses, *U.S. News & World Report* rankings, and Road to R1. Budget proposals will be

February with final budget decisions announced in March 2021.

Post-award grant PI dashboard The Sponsored Projects Dashboard is now available for principal investigators (PIs) through my.SMU. This dashboard, created by the Office of Research and Office of Information Technology provides PIs with a real-time financial picture of their sponsored projects. PI Training, via webinar, took place on November 10, 2020. Additional instructions and a recording of the training are available on the [Sponsored Projects Dashboard Wiki](#).

College/school research spotlight Congratulations to Dr. Priscilla Pope-Levison, Associate Dean for External Programs and Professor of Ministerial Studies in the Perkins School of Theology, for her \$999,975 [Thriving Congregations Initiative](#).

Academic Analytics implementation underway As I have mentioned in previous newsletters, accurate and transparent data is of vital importance to

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[Analytics](#) is a tool used by many R-1 institutions to identify additional opportunities for faculty funding, honorific awards, and/or collaborations. Last week, we signed a contract with Academic Analytics and will begin

that spring enrollment for undergraduates will take place by appointment November 16-20. Open enrollment will continue until the end of the add period.

Spring 2021 calendar In response to concerns about the current spring 2021 calendar that starts a week late and eliminates spring break, our