

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

