

Department Chairs, Associate Deans, and Deans,

With a goal of staying connected, the Provost Office is sending a monthly “Roundup” on the final Friday of each month to the internal university leadership. We know that your time is limited, so no action will be required on your part in response to these messages. We hope this mechanism will serve the goal of keeping you informed around internal communications and governance issues, in the event you would like to reach out and learn more or provide input.

Decisions about Faculty Searches for Next Year. The first wave of decisions for faculty searches to launch this fall are being announced in this week’s Provost Friday update. This first list is only partial and reflects positions for which deans requested expedited review and approval. The second wave of decisions will be made within the next two weeks and will be announced in July. Please know that all previously approved, but unfilled, positions from this past year (positions that were either put on hold for one year at the School/College level due to fiscal reasons or positions that resulted in failed searches) have been automatically approved for renewed searches in 2022-23.

Save the Date: Thursday, August 18, New Faculty Welcome Events. Over 60 new faculty are anticipated to join in the CTE Symposium, followed by the New Faculty Orientation that afternoon. Together with the CTE, we will be reaching out in July to departments and units with incoming faculty to ensure that every new faculty member is accompanied by a colleague from their home department for the morning portion of the CTE Symposium, with a themed focus on equity in the classroom. Details will follow in July. For further information, contact CTE Director Karen Thomas (kthomas@smu.edu).

Faculty Credential Documents Go Fully Digital. Since going live last summer 2021, our fully digital “Credentialing Repository” now houses 1,740 faculty members, and over 300 Credential eForms have been successfully processed. We are taking this initiative to the next level on July 13th, when the digital uploading of appropriate faculty credentials will be a pre-requisite to assigning new instructors to the course schedule or to adding new subject areas to current instructors. Details will be communicated directly with department schedulers and associate deans of academic affairs. If you have questions about the upcoming change in the process, you can contact these individuals in your area or Judy King @ jaking@smu.edu.

Easier and More Effective Common Curriculum Assessment. Two changes to CC Assessment will reduce the effort and time associated with teaching classes that carry CC tags:

1. Reduced frequency of student work (artifact) collection. Previously, we collected student work from *every* section of *every* course that carries CC tag *every* term that the course was taught. Starting in Fall 2022, we will collect student work only for the components that will be assessed in that academic year. This means that we will collect student work in each component *only one year out of every three* (click [here](#) to view the CC Assessment Calendar). We piloted this approach during the Spring term, which increased the percentage of faculty who submitted student work from approximately 50% to more than 85%.
2. Change in assessment software. We previously used the AEFIS system, and, in Fall 2022, we will be moving to Anthology Portfolio. Portfolio is a much more flexible assessment system, and it does not rely only on assessment in Canvas. This means that faculty will have choices about whether to assess directly in Canvas or to assess through another mechanism. For example, faculty who use in-class exams, recorded performances, or other types of assessment that are difficult to complete in Canvas, will now have other options. Specific instructions about how this

works will be sent to faculty associated with courses that need assessment this fall. For information, contact Dayna Oscherwitz (oscherwi@mail.smu.edu).

We welcome your suggestions for future areas to feature in the monthly roundup: email facultysuccess@smu.edu.