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TO: Sheri Kunovich, Associate Provost for Student Academic Engagement and Success
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Robin Poston, Dean of the Moody School of Graduate and Advanced Studies, and Associate Provost for Graduate Education
Karen Thomas, Director of the Center for Teaching Excellence
Wes Waggoner, Associate Vice President for Enrollment Management
Paige Ware, Associate Provost for Faculty Success
Aramis Watson, Dean of Residence Life and Student Housing
Matthew Wilson, Chair, Faculty Senate Academic Policies Committee

Dear Colleagues:

The winter weather we have experienced to begin the spring 2023 semester has required sufficient class cancellations to impact SMU's ability to fulfill its credit hour requirements. After canceling classes January 31 – February 2, SMU will need to make up at least one class day, and it would be prudent to prepare for the possibility of additional cancellations in the weeks ahead.

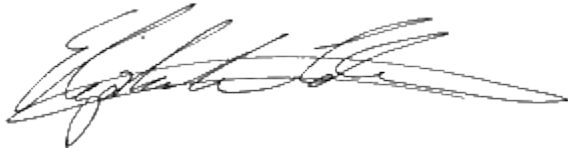
To inform SMU's approach for making up these missed instruction days, I am writing to ask for your short-term service on a 2023 Inclement Weather Response Committee. Specifically, this committee is charged as follows:

- Develop recommendations, including strengths and challenges, for fulfilling classroom requirements in light of instructional cancellation in response to inclement weather from January 31, 2023 – February 2, 2023.
- Develop recommendations, including strengths and challenges, for fulfilling classroom requirements should the need arise for additional class cancellations.
- Confirm these recommendations to align with the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges (SACSCOC's) credit hour policy: <https://sacscoc.org/app/uploads/2019/08/Credit-Hours.pdf>.
- Propose a communication strategy to inform faculty, staff and students of the changes to the spring 2023 calendar.

I would ask that you complete your work and submit all recommendations to me via email no later than February 28, 2023.

Thank you for your ongoing service to SMU.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Elizabeth G. Loba', with a long, sweeping horizontal stroke at the end.

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