

# Weekly Update | September 22, 2023

**Elizabeth G. Lobo, Ph.D. Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs**

Dear Faculty and Staff,

augment their scholarship in ways that enhance the reputation of us all through conferences, keynote speakers, invitations, and travel. We hope to create an opportunity for cross-university dialogue that acknowledges their unique and strategic roles in strengthening our collective reputation.

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Leaders at the [following link](#).

### **Providing academic feedback to students throughout the semester**

On Monday, Sheri Kunovich, Associate Provost for Student Academic Engagement and Success, [sent a letter to faculty](#) detailing information about Early and Mid-Term Progress Reports (EPRs and MPRs). I encourage faculty who teach undergraduate classes to provide your students feedback throughout the semester, particularly in time with EPR and MPR reporting cycles. This feedback is beneficial both to our students and to the staff who work so hard to foster and promote student academic success.

### **SMU in Four year-two-progress presentation on October 12**

On Wednesday, the [SMU in Four](#) team invited the SMU community to join them for their year-two progress presentation on [SMU's Quality Enhancement Plan](#). The presentation is scheduled for Thursday, October 12, from 3:30 – 5:00 p.m. in the Hughes-Trigg Student Center, Ballroom A. During this presentation, you will receive updates on early-alert mechanisms, undergraduate academic advising, technology enhancements, and gateway and introductory courses. Additionally, the SMU in Four team will share informal student retention and graduation numbers along with goals for year three of this five-year initiative. [RSVPs are encouraged, and walk-ins are welcome.](#)

### **Reminder: AT&T Data Science event to be held in Moody Hall**

On Wednesday, September 27, at 6:00 p.m. in the Moody Hall auditorium, [AT&T](#) will be presenting an event about the emerging field of data science. SMU faculty, students, and staff are invited to attend.

clinically-challenging infections of the 21st century drug-resistant strains of bacteria that cause tuberculosis and leprosy.

of antibiotics known as carbapenem antibiotics, which weaken the cell wall of mycobacterial strains, causing bacteria to burst and die. \_\_\_\_\_ has shown that these modified drugs are more effective at killing mycobacterial strains and less likely to negatively affect normal bacteria and cause unnecessary side effects when compared to current carbapenems.

**The Deason Criminal Justice Reform Center awarded grant from the U.S. Department of Justice**

[Deason Criminal Justice Reform Center](#) has received a grant from the U.S. [National Institute of Ju](#)  
[the Administration of Justice: Advancing Access to Justice 60 Years after Gideon Program](#) for \$800,000. The center will utilize these funds to continue work on their project, *Building Better Indigent Defense Systems*, which defense delivery systems such as staffed public defender offices and managed assigned counsel programs

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