Subject: Strategic Research Plan - PARTICIPATE in 2nd SCENARIO now

Hello SMU colleagues -

This message is going again to all full-time faculty, but this time (maybe for the first time!) to some others of you who are engaged in work that supports research activities here at SMU.

As we head now into the weekend after our first full week of classes, I would like to ask you ALL (really, ***all*** if possible!) to **participate in our 2nd (of what will be a total of 5) "scenario"** in our solicitation of your experiences to be part of developing the renewal of SMU's Strategic Research Plan. So whether or not you've participated already in our first scenario, we would like everyone to follow this link to participate now:

#2: Community-Engaged Scenario - <u>https://smu.ca/strategicconversation/</u>

I've been informed by faculty who have done the first scenario that it really only took them about 5 minutes ... the more of you we can get to participate, the better understanding we will have of all of your experiences, directions, and needs for conducting research at SMU – we hope to develop a Plan that helps direct us to best support your research, and the more people that we hear from in this process, the better planning we can have to do this.

I've left my original "solicitation" emails below, for those of you who have not yet looked through what I sent earlier (or didn't get the earlier ones!). If any department or group would like to have me come talk to you in person to explain this process and why we are doing it, please just let me know – I'd be happy to.

Final note: as I mentioned, and is contained in earlier messages below, there will be a total of 5 of these scenarios released over the coming weeks ... if you would like to, at any time, go back to the first scenario (focus on **Interdisciplinary Research**), please feel free by using this link: <u>https://smu.ca/strategicconversation/id/</u>

(even if you've shared an experience for the first scenario, you can always go back and share another)

Best Regards to all,

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