



Commitment of the Board of Trustees September 18, 2020

This is a pivotal time for the United States and our University, leading the SMU Board of Trustees to reflect on recent racial injustices across our nation and SMU's role. We have witnessed the very real pain and suffering our Black students, faculty, staff, and alumni have been experiencing, individually and collectively. The American Black experience and that of the majority white population are not the same.

SMU was founded in 1911 by the Methodist Church and the city of Dallas, both of which were racially segregated at that time. While SMU may have reflected society then, we no longer hold those beliefs nor tolerate any racial injustices or inequities in our University or in the communities we serve.

Although SMU has made progress in addressing racial issues, we know there is more that can and should be done. We have encouraged President Turner and his administration to continue the important dialogue that has begun to address these issues.