

# Weekly Update | October 7, 2022

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

Dear Faculty and Staff,

These weekly updates will serve as a tool to keep you informed and engaged with SMU's Academic Affairs division as, together, we work toward achieving the goals that fall within our four priority areas through 2025: 1) Academic excellence/ top 50, 2) Research/scholarly creative excellence/ Road to R1, 3) 2016 – 2025 Strategic Plan and 4) Inclusive Excellence.

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Today's update falls into three categories: 1) Fall 2022, 2) Research and Scholarly/Creative Excellence, and 3) News and Noteworthy.

## Fall 2022

### Perkins School of Theology Executive Board Meeting This Week

On Wednesday, Vice President for Development and External Affairs Brad Cheves and I joined Dean Craig Hill to update Perkins' board members on SMU's – and Perkins' – recent accomplishments in our priority area of academic ~~ex~~

McKee, Dean-elect of the Perkins School of Theology.

### Three-year Budget Planning Update

Yesterday, deliberations continued among the deans and associate provosts toward developing a three-year budget plan, including revenue and expense projec

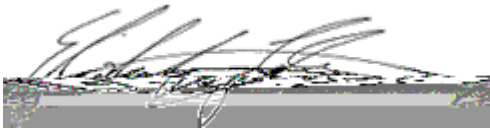
estimates which will



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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Elizabeth G. Loba', is written over a horizontal line. The signature is fluid and cursive.

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