January 28, 2022

Dear Colleagues:

mission. These weekly updates will serve as a tool to keep you informed and engaged with sion as, together, we manage a safe, healthy and productive spring semester. If you have suggestions for what we should include in future communications, please send your ideas to this email address. Previous new sletters are available here.

Research and Scholarly/Creative

Excellence, and 3) News and Noteworthy.

Spring 2022

COVID-19 health and safety reminders

for additional instructions.

 N-95 masks delivery begins today Masks are being delivered today and early next masks should _____

Reminders: Last week, SMU announced two additional testing resources for employees, their spouses, and dependents who are seeking COVID-19 testing: New on-campus option: MyLabsDirect is providing on-site PCR testing for COVID-19 at no cost for SMU employees, spouses, and their dependents from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. Monday through Friday at a drive-up parking site at Expressway Tower, 6116 North Central Expressway. They also offer drive-up testing at several sites in

the DFW area with no appointment required. More details are available by visiting smu.edu/employeecovidtest

At-home tests benefits provider, Blue Cross Blue Shield of Texas (BCBSTX), is providing coverage for at-home COVID-19 tests.

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an increase in talent and diversity as well. For fall 2021, 33% of our first-year students and 44% of our transfers come from traditionally underrepresented populations. 11% of our first-

appropriation process or by legislative requests.

The template is for faculty use to submit proposals for earmarks or changes in research focus of a federal R&D agency. To be included for consideration in the FY 2023 budget development cycle, your proposals must be submitted to Jim Quick at (<u>jquick@smu.edu</u>) no later than February 14, 2022. Please follow the template closely in developing your proposal. We look forward to reviewing your ideas in collaboration with our Clark-Hill representatives.

Key leadership searches underway

Starship Food Delivery SMU Hospitality Group has partnered with Starship Technologies robots to deliver meals, drinks, and snacks from a range of locations