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work toward achieving the goals that fall within our four priority areas through 2025: 1) Academic excellence/S News and World Reptop 50, 2) Road to R1: Research and Scholarly/Creative Excellence, 3) 2016 – 2025 Strategic Plan and 4) Inclusive Excellence.

If you have suggestions for what we should include in future communications, please send your ideas to this <u>email</u> <u>address</u>. Previous newsletters are available <u>here</u>.

Todays update falls into three categories: 1) Fall 2022, 2) Road to R1: Research and Scholarly/Creative Excellence, and 3) News and Noteworthy.

Fall 2022

Executive Board Meetings this Webs

This week, President Turner, Vice President for Development and External Affairs Brad Cheves, and I joined Deans Holland and DiPiero in meetings with their units'executive boards.

Meadows School of the Arts

For this meeting, I updated board members on SMUs – and Meadows' – recent accomplishments toward greater academic excellence and provided introductions of our newest deans – Jason Nance, Judge James Noel Dean of the Dedman School of Law, and Robin Poston, Dean of the Moody School of Graduate and Advanced Studies and remarks by introducing Deans Nance and Poston and providing a status update for our next dea

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School of Engineering.

In a luncheon following the meeting, SMU <u>announced</u> a \$5M gift from Liz and Bill Armstrong to endow and name the dean position for the Dedman College of Humanities and Sciences. This historic gift will provide permanent

Mechanical Engineering, Applied Physiology and Sport Management and Information Technology and Operations Management (ITOM).

In addition to SMU faculty tenants, Pegasus Park hosts potential partners and collaborators from a range of