

Weekly Update | November 8

Presidential election

The presidential election took place this week on Tuesday, November 5.

While members of our community are feeling a range of emotions, I encourage you to remember the [message sent by President Turner on Thursday, October 17](#).

It is important during this time that we have freedom, open dialogue and inclusion. SMU has always been a place where differing opinions are perspectives, is key to developing world changers. We urge you to remember our shared values as we work together in unity to move forward.

Thank you for your commitment to our core values and your commitment to leading by example with respect and civility. You are what makes SMU the special place it is to learn, live and work.

Simmons School Executive Board meeting

Reminder: SMU in Four calls for new or redesigned Civic and Individual Ethics (CIE) tagged course proposals

The SMU in Four call for new or redesigned Civic and Individual Ethics (CIE) tagged course proposals will end on November 15, at 5 p.m. All proposals should be submitted via the [online submission platform](#) prior to the deadline.

SMU in Four will provide compensation for a limited number of selected courses. For more information on compensation, the course proposals being sought, expectations of selected courses, and the Cary M. [read the full blog post here.](#)

Moody School for Graduate and Advanced Studies to host Three Minute Thesis Competition on November 12 and 15

SMU graduate students will present their research and compete for prizes at the annual [Three Minute Thesis \(3MT\) competition](#) occurring next week in the Frances Anne Moody Hall Auditorium. 3MT celebrates the exciting research being conducted by SMU graduate students and allows them to hone their communication and presentation skills.

First-round heats will occur on Tuesday, November 12, from 9 a.m. – 12 p.m., and finals will take place on Friday, November 15, from 12 – 1 p.m. A light breakfast and coffee will be available for attendees before the first-round heats, and lunch will be available before the finals. The program for first-round heats is available on the [3MT website](#).

The rules of the competition are simple: participants present their dissertation or thesis research in non-specialist language in less than three minutes with the assistance of one static PowerPoint slide. They are judged on the effectiveness of their presentation and their ability to convince the judges of the impact of their research.

All members of the SMU community are invited to attend the presentations.

Road to R1: Research and Scholarly/Creative Excellence

SMU and Colorado State University (CSU) partner on \$2.6 million in grants for pipeline leak detection research

[METEC](#), will work together on grants totaling \$2.6 million from the [Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration](#), [to improve the detection of pipeline leaks](#).

Researchers, including SMU principal investigator Kathleen M. Smits, chair of Civil and Environmental Engineering and Solomon Professor for Global Development at Lyle School of Engineering, will work to drive advancements in pipeline leak detection methods, contributing significantly to the safety and efficiency of natural gas and hydrogen-natural gas infrastructure. Researchers will focus on developing protocols used for real-world settings.

Work will take place at the METEC facility at CSU in Fort Collins and will involve industry operators, regulators and other key stakeholders. The team will, among other things, develop protocols for advanced leak detection methods that maximize coverage, minimize cost and maintain effectiveness.

Global, Online and Continuing Education (GOCE) launches Master of Public Policy Industry Advisory Committee

On October 25, 2024, Global, Online and Continuing Education (GOCE) launched the Master of Public Policy (MPP) Industry Advisory Committee, featuring leaders across healthcare, insurance,