

Department Chairs, Associate Deans, and Deans,

With a goal of staying connected, the Provost Office is sending a monthly Roundup on the final Friday of each month to the internal university leadership.

Big D Reads at SMU. SMU is excited to participate in this year's Big D Reads, a city-wide read of Jim Schutze's [The Accommodation](#), aimed at understanding Dallas' history while encouraging candid community conversations on how we create a more equitable future for our city. One hundred books are available to SMU students, faculty, and staff through the Office of the Chaplain and Religious Life. A wide variety of community events have been scheduled for conversation and a deeper understanding of Dallas. In early October, discussion groups will gather on campus to reflect on the book. Please [share this link to sign up for a book](#) with faculty and staff as you see fit. For more information, contact Rev. Lisa Garvin at garvinl@smu.edu.

We welcome your suggestions for future areas to feature in the monthly roundup; email facultysuccess@smu.edu. You can [find past issues at this link](#).