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-07, 2:53 PM, "Adam J Sarty" <Adam.Sarty@smu.ca> wrote:

Dear SMU Colleagues (Faculty and Staff):

Your link to participate in our strategic conversation on research at SMU is now ready
(details below!):
 https://smu.ca/strategicconversation

Earlier this fall, Dr. Malcolm Butler (Vice
-President Academic and Research) and myself
announced the beginning of our consultation process to renew the SMU Academic and
Strategic Research Plans.
 As part of the consultation for these renewals, I will be leading
a process to engage you in a conversation about our Strategic Research Plan.

 The
renewal of our Strategic Research Plan provides opportunity to consider the research
enterprise at Saint Mary’s collectively, its relationship to our university’s overall
Strategic Plan, to the expertise of our faculty, and to future potential research
directions.

We have decided to use a novel approach in our desire to engage as many of you as
possible in this discussion about SMU research.

 Every couple of weeks, I will be asking
you to reflect on a particular research scenario/theme in terms of both potential future
direction, as well as how the scenario relates to your own Saint Mary’s
experiences.

 With all of us sharing multiple perspectives about the future, and our
many experiences, our collective voice will give us insights into both the current state

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you arrive at the “landing page”. You will then be asked to ‘tag’ your
story with information that will allow your story to be interpreted
based on the meaning you give to it (rather than someone else’s
interpretation).
Please note that we understand people’s time is limited, and therefore are asking you to
keep your responses only as long and detailed as you feel is necessary and time permits
- it’s more important for everyone to share brief replies, than none at all. The first
time responding should take you about 15 minutes, with subsequent responses likely
closer to 10 minutes. So I am hoping to get a total of about 1 to 1.5 hr of your time
spread over the next 10-12 weeks.
Please take the time to share as many experiences as possible, one at a time. The more
of your experience that you share, the richer our conversations will be concerning the
Strategic Research Plan going forward.
Please contact me, Adam Sarty (adam.sarty@smu.ca