PROVOST'S MESSAGE

The COVID-19 pandemic has galvanised the University to further develop and strengthen its core academic activities.

The University has extended its distinctive interdisciplinary education with the launch of a PhD in Law, Commerce and Technology and a Master of Laws in Law and Technology. Further reinforcing its commitment to produce future-ready graduates, the University has launched the new Bachelor of Science (Software Engineering), a SkillsFuture Work-Study Degree, in collaboration with GovTech and the multinational IT company NCS. To enable the seamless move between the face-to-face and digital forms of SMU's distinctive pedagogies and student experience, SMU launched its Digital Learning Strategy.

In research, SMU continues to build strong partnerships with the signing of an agreement with A*STAR for a joint lab to study "Social and Human-Centred Computing", which has already led to a series of projects in computational social science and human-AI synergy. Our gifted faculty continue to receive recognition for their impactful research. This includes Prof David Lo receiving an IEEE Fellowship, Prof David Chan receiving the Raymond Katzell Award, and Prof Jiang Jing being recognised as one of the 2021 Singapore 100 Women in Tech List.

Our talented faculty are the bedrock of our ability to deliver our core academic objectives. It has been a source of pleasure and pride to welcome many new faculty to the University and to see the accomplishments of existing faculty recognised through promotion.

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