

## PROVOST'S MESSAGE



Dear Students,

As a result of the global spread of COVID-19, the University has had to cancel the exchange programmes (both the ISEP and self-arranged ESPs) in the current Term 2. We created an Exchange Replacement Programme (ERP) which will be offered over Terms 3A and 3B to help you continue to earn credits before the next regular term. **While we had previously announced that all ERP courses will be taught and taken on only a P/F basis, we have reviewed this decision and will now allow students to take the ERP courses for grades.** These ERP courses will be taught and graded in accordance with the University's grading guidelines.

In addition, we recognise that some of you may not be able to clear as many courses through the ERP as you would have from your exchange programmes. Under the exchange programme, an SMU student is able to map exchange courses to electives as credits and not grades back in SMU. Therefore, **the University will provide greater flexibility to you by allowing you 4 CUs in P/F options, which may be used on any course of your choice (including compulsory courses) across Modified Term 2, Term 3A, Term 3B, and Term 1 of AY2020-21.** Similar to the measure we adopted for students taking courses in the current Term 2, you may exercise the P/F options within a stipulated period after you receive your grades. To be clear, decisions on P/F options must be made during the grade release period of each term, and are irrevocable, as these have impact on downstream processes such as Dean's List, scholarship consideration etc. Some of you are taking courses in Modified Term 2 and will already have the opportunity to exercise P/F options on these Modified Term 2 courses – you may carry forward any unused P/F options from this Term to Term 3A, Term 3B and Term 1 of AY2020-21.

Thank you, and stay safe.

Kindest regards  
Professor Timothy Clark  
Provost