

Subject: update on NSF ADVANCE grant activities

From: provost@slu.edu <provost@slu.edu>

Dear Colleagues,

We write to provide a brief update on SLU's work related to the [NSF ADVANCE partnership grant with Gonzaga and Seattle Universities](#). Please feel free to forward this email to anyone in your area you think would be interested in the work.

As you may remember, the focus of this project is to reimagine faculty evaluation for advancement using evidence-based and contextually-appropriate approaches to evaluate traditionally-undervalued faculty activities, such as community-engaged work and institution-building.

For a high-level view of the work to date, we've created [this slide deck with Updates on SLU NSF ADVANCE activities](#). Highlights include:

- **Spring 2023:**

- Focus groups with SLU Deans and Department Chairs, Faculty Senate representatives, UCART members, and faculty of color.
- Application process for a faculty member to join the project team as a faculty fellow.
- Dr. [Bidisha Chakrabarty](#) selected as SLU's NSF ADVANCE Faculty Fellow. She joined the team in summer

- **Fall 2023:**

- Creation of two Think Tanks focused on two kinds of under-valued faculty activities: community-engaged scholarship and institution-building work.
- Visit from our partners at Seattle University, who led a workshop with Think Tank members, an Inclusive Mentoring Practices workshop for Chairs and faculty mentors, and an open forum for all faculty. (You can see [the slides from the faculty forum here](#).)

Later this year, the SLU Think Tanks will be working to create white paper reports to advance more holistic evaluation of faculty activity.

As the work proceeds, we'll continue to keep the University community updated.

Best regards,

Bidisha, Katie, and Debie