2022 Priorities for the Office of the Provost

- Increase investments in need-based scholarship programs, including the Tri-Star Scholarship program (UT Promise, UT Pledge, and Flagship) and programs aimed at underserved populations, including Next Chapter (4-H and UT extension) and military veterans. Evaluate enrollment changes among students from historically underrepresented populations and use data to refine scholarship programs and partnerships.

- Increase course success rates and promote achievement equity in entry-level undergraduate courses through Student Success Grants. Launch pilot program in 2022 with at least three academic departments with priority enrollment and partner with the Postsecondary Education Resource Center (PERC) and OIRA to assess effectiveness.

- Implement the SEC Emerging Scholars Program for advanced doctoral students and post-doctoral students interested in faculty positions. The SEC-wide initiative encourages top scholars, especially those from historically underrepresented populations, to seek employment and mentorship within the SEC. Begin program implementation in August 2022. Survey participants on levels of satisfaction with the program in April 2023.

- Increase student awareness of and participation in intercultural learning experiences. For fall 2022, emphasize promotion and distribution of information about undergraduate courses covering intercultural topics and other intercultural offerings, including Study Abroad. Inventory offerings and measure participation in earning experiences.

- Launch a faculty mentoring certificate program in fall 2022 to increase faculty awareness of best practices in mentoring and mentor efficacy. Assess effectiveness of the program through inventory of faculty members earning a certificate and focus groups with tenure-track faculty.