

March 30, 2017

Good afternoon,

I hope spring break was enjoyable for all. The change in weather has certainly been welcome. Here's an update on a few items:

Legislative Meetings. March was a busy month with four meetings before state House and Senate subcommittees. I am pleased to share that the legislative analyst has recommended additional money for the planning of our next academic building for Education and Health Sciences. This keeps us on track to start construction during the summer of 2019.

Middle States Visit. The Middle States accreditation team is on campus today meeting with faculty, staff and students as a follow-up to our self-study last year. The University Advisory Council be getting an oral exit report tomorrow morning. I will share the findings from that report as soon as I can. I appreciate the work and efforts of everyone. We accomplished quite a bit in one year and I am confident we are positioned to continue these efforts in the future.

Inauguration. My formal inauguration as Frostburg State University president will take place next Friday, April 7, at 2 PM in the Pealer Recital Hall. Everyone is invited. We have some other event planned as well. There is a [student art show](#) beginning this weekend, and the [president's concert](#) on Sunday, April 9, which happens to be the 119th anniversary of the signing of the bill creating "State Normal School #2 at Frostburg." There will also be an ice cream social in the Lane Center the evening of Thursday, April 6.

DIII Week. The week of April 3rd celebrates the student-athlete at Frostburg State. You will be hearing more of the events through social media.

Meeting with Presidents in the Region. I am meeting today with the Presidents from West Virginia University, Allegany College of Maryland, Eastern West Virginia Community & Technical College, Garrett College, and Potomac State College and the Director of the UMCES Appalachian Lab to discuss what the schools in this region can do to better serve our students and help with economic and community development.

Weather. With the change in weather, I anticipate more outdoor activities occurring on campus and in the community. I ask that everyone, especially those of us living in the local community, be aware of our neighbors and considerate to them by being good citizens and neighbors when it comes to parties and social gatherings. We had a very good fall semester, and I hope this continues for the remainder of this semester.

I hope the semester continues to go well. Please feel free to reach out to faculty and staff for assistance with registration and other areas where you may need help.

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