

May 1, 2017

Good morning,

Student Recognitions. As we near the final stages of this academic year, please join in celebrating our students' many accomplishments. We will be hosting events focusing on student research and creative activity, many under the assistance and encouragement of our faculty and staff. This is a great time of year to celebrate these student accomplishments.

Strategic Planning. The Strategic Planning Task Force met last Friday to develop goals and action plans based on our six strategic themes. The day went well, and we should have an updated document for the university community later this month. We hope to get university consensus on the plan in time to present the plan to the Board of Regents when they visit Frostburg State in mid-June.

Our newest bobcats. Last Thursday the Maryland Zoo celebrated University System of Maryland Night, which allowed USM alums the opportunity to visit the zoo after normal hours. The highlight of the evening was the unveiling of the new Bobcat exhibit, sponsored by FSU. One of the two bobcats, Kilgore, was there to join in the celebration along with Frostburg alum Don Hutchinson, who is director of the Maryland Zoo, and Dr. Bob Caret, Chancellor of the USM system. I've attached a photo of our newest bobcat, Kilgore. He's 1 year old.



"Take Back the Night" tomorrow. It was great seeing the turnout at Friday night's Relay for Life. Please join me Tuesday evening for a "Take Back The Night" satellite event, which focuses on eliminating sexual violence. The event **tomorrow, May 2, at 7pm at the clock tower** will showcase a variety of student performances, an opportunity to speak out against sexual violence, and a balloon release as a symbol of recognizing and letting go of the past to move forward in a positive way.

Student Parking. The ad hoc parking committee has come forward with several recommendations that were endorsed by the University Advisory Council. As soon as some new signage is ready, we will be announcing some updates that will provide additional student parking on campus. I'll send an update later with more specifics.

As we near the end of the semester, I wish everyone the best. Remember we have resources available, through CAPS, to help if you feel extremely stressed or anxious. Call them at 301-687-4234. Feel free to reach out to faculty and staff as well to help you find campus resources.

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