Good afternoon,

Here is an update of some recent activities:

SGA Leadership. I met with student government leadership last week, and we shared our agendas with each other. Among the topics discussed were 1) improved and coordinated funding and scheduling of on-campus social events; 2) parking; and 3) enhancing discussions between students and the president.

Online education regarding gender-based harassment and violence. FSU is committed to ensuring we are doing our best to prevent gender-based harassment and violence. As part of that commitment we are asking all members of the campus (faculty, staff, and students) to complete an online training module. Increasing our sensitivity and awareness will help us address this national concern and make FSU a better place to live. Watch for emails giving you access to the training.

Strategic Planning. We have initiated our strategic planning process with a two-day workshop of the Strategic Planning Task Force, led by Dr. Pat Sanaghan, in which the task force learned about and participated in some of the interactive techniques that will be used to gather data and solicit ideas from the campus community and other stakeholders.

Over the next two months, task force members will engage with these stakeholders, and a website will be set up to share the data gathered. If you missed the message listing the members of the task force, read it here. Below is a Word Cloud that was based on the feedback from the task force at the end of the workshop.



Governor's Visit. Gov. Larry Hogan and many of his staff visited FSU last Friday. FSU hosted small business owners seeking to learn about state procurement processes. The governor spoke to this group and then toured the Gira Center to see our communication and information

technology facilities. His staff commented about the well-kept appearance of the campus – thanks to all in facilities who make that happen.

Student Recruitment. We are in the prime period for high school students and their families visiting FSU. We had a very successful open house this past weekend. I ask everyone to welcome these families when you see them on campus tours.

Foundation and Alumni Boards. The FSU Foundation and Alumni Association boards will be meeting this weekend as part of Homecoming. I'll share what we learn from those meetings in my next email.

With Homecoming this weekend, please enjoy as many events as you can and take in the festivities. Let's make it a great Bobcat Experience!

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