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Good morning,

Wednesday was a busy day. We had two teams of visitors on campus. Thanks to all who took time from their schedules to meet with the teams. We had faculty, staff, and students involved in a number of meetings. Here is an update:

Middle States Update. The visiting team from Middle States was here to discuss our monitoring report regarding Standard 7, Institutional Assessment. We received a verbal report from the team a few minutes ago. The team commended FSU for its work on assessment and planning. They are recommending we are in compliance with the Standard and issued no follow-up recommendations. This report is a recommendation to the full Commission that will vote on FSU's reaffirmation at its November meeting. If this team's report and recommendations are accepted and endorsed by the Commission, then the "warning" to FSU will be removed. We were told to expect a written response on the Commission's actions in early December. Congratulations to everyone and, again, my sincere thanks to the faculty, staff, and students who worked diligently on this Standard. It was clear that the team of visitors sensed the university community's commitment.

Phi Kappa Phi Visit. The Executive Director and Chair of the Board of Directors of Phi Kappa Phi, the oldest national honor society that is open to students from all disciplines, visited Frostburg State University yesterday as part of our petition to start a chapter of the honor society here. Thanks to Prof. Greg Wood and the many faculty and staff that met with the visitors yesterday. A chapter here would be evidence of the excellent scholarly work of our faculty and students. It would also enhance our academic reputation. The full Board of PKP is meeting in early November to consider our petition.

Governor's Visit. I received word last evening that Governor Hogan will be speaking briefly about regional development tomorrow during his visit to Western MD and the Autumn Glory Festival. We have been working with our local state legislative delegation to find ways to strengthen the role that FSU serves in the region. Our focus continues to be on student success and enhancing the success of the region.

Enjoy the rest of the week.

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