

Oct. 3, 2017

Good Afternoon,

Here are a few highlights since my last email:

Visits by State Officials. Sec. David Brinkley and our local state legislators visited campus last Thursday to learn more about our capital (building) projects. Sec. Brinkley heads up the Maryland Department of Budget and Management, which is responsible for recommending these projects. He was briefed about the progress on the design of the Education and Health Sciences Building. He also toured the recently completed Public Safety Building. (See the attached photo with Chief Smith, Sec. Brinkley, Md. Del. Wendell Beitzel, Md. Sen. George Edwards, and Md. Del. Jason Buckel.) We hope that Gov. Larry Hogan will have time to visit campus as well later next week on his way to the Autumn Glory Festival in Garrett County. These visits are important in that they show the improvements under way as well as where we need additional improvements.

ETS Testing. We continue to make progress working with Allegany College on having an ETS and Pearson testing center on the ACM campus. Once details are finalized, there will be an announcement from the Provost's Office.

Strategic Planning. The Chairs of the Strategic Planning Process have held several town hall meetings to solicit action initiatives tied to the strategic planning goals. A survey will be coming out soon asking for more input from those who were unable to attend. We have a final meeting of the strategic planning task force on Oct 27 to review and prioritize action items.

Position Search Updates. We are in the process of advertising and searching for a number of administrative positions. The searches for the next permanent Deans of Business and Education are well under way, and we hope to begin screening candidates in a few weeks. Both positions are currently held by interim deans following the retirements of the previous deans. We are also in the latter stages of the search for a Dean of Enrollment Management and have recently advertised for the VP for Administration and Finance to fill that position upon Mr. Dave Rose's retirement later this year.

Student Recruitment. Admissions hosted an open house last Saturday. We had one of the largest groups of visitors in many years. We also have a new online application form that can be completed from any computer or mobile device. I hope we continue to see strong interest in FSU as our alumni teachers spread the word throughout their schools about FSU. We are also adding to our social media advertising not only in Maryland but also in our "regional tuition" areas of southwest Pennsylvania, West Virginia and Northern Virginia. We have found that "word of mouth" goes a long way in bolstering our recruiting efforts, so please talk up FSU to prospective students and their families.

There are things to do and see!

Athletics. Our fall sports teams are very active these days with games on many evenings. This Saturday our #11 ranked Bobcat football team will be hosting its second nationally ranked team at Frostburg this year with #19 Wesley playing FSU at 1 p.m. Watch for announcements about the game. This is one of a few games this week that features two nationally ranked teams. Women's field hockey and women's soccer are playing on Wednesday afternoon and evening. Women's volleyball will have home matches on Thursday evening and Saturday. Come out to support our student athletes.

Also, *Homecoming* is only a couple of weeks away. Take a look at the chance to win in the homecoming competition! (See Attachment.)

Theatre. FSU's Dept. of Theatre and Dance presents its first production of the year, a musical titled "[I Love You, You're Perfect, Now Change.](#)" It promises to be an enjoyable evening at the theatre starting this Friday, Oct. 6, and ending on Saturday, Oct 14.

Music. The Department of Music will have the first of its student ensemble concerts next weekend as well, with the popular [Wind Ensemble](#) concert on Saturday, Oct. 14.

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Recognized Student Organizations Wanted for Homecoming Competitions

Any recognized student organization is eligible to participate in the annual competitions and win prizes for your group!

The competitions include LUC Window Decorating, Banner, and Recycled Items Sculpture.

The theme for this year's competitions is:

Release the Beast

Pre-registration is required and the Information packet for these competitions can be completed on the SGA page on Bobcat Connect under forms or use this link:

<https://frostburg.campuslabs.com/engage/submitter/form/start/131590>

We would like to invite all student organizations to participate in these annual Homecoming events!

Get involved and show your Bobcat Pride!!!



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