

March 1, 2019

Good afternoon,

Here's an update on a few events and items on campus.

**The Weather!** Thank you to all of the staff, from across campus and Chartwells, who worked the extra-long and early hours to deal with the snow and ice over the past few weeks. We have had more closings and delays this year than in my previous two years combined. Remember, your safety is the first concern. We will continue to work to keep the campus operating as much as we can. When we are closed, we will work to keep as many support buildings open for student use.

**Strategic Planning.** The annual reports on the 12 action items of the strategic plan have been submitted and are being collated by AIR. We will have an open meeting on **Thursday, March 14 from 2 until 4 in Gira CCIT 397**. As I promised the strategic planning task force, we will annually review the strategic plan with interested faculty, staff, and students. You will hear more about the meeting next week. While I encourage the former task force members to attend, the meeting/workshop will be open to anyone interested. Feel free to come for all or part of the meeting.

**Sibson and Fresh Eyes Consulting firms.** A week ago, consultants from Fresh Eyes Consulting met with various groups of staff and students across campus and toured our residence halls in order to provide us a report on our residence halls. Thank you those who met with the consultants. We will share the findings with the university shared governance units, University Advisory Council, Faculty and Staff senates and SGA. While we may not be able to implement all of their suggestions, many are worthy of our consideration and action. You will hear more on this over the next few weeks.

We are also working with Sibson Consulting to review and evaluate our support services on campus as part of our strategic plan. The Sibson Consulting group will be on campus in March to talk with faculty, staff, and student groups. VP Leon Wyden will provide more information about their visit in an upcoming email to the university community.

**Career and Professional Development Center.** If you are looking for help with internships, summer employment, or your life after graduation in May, stop by the Career and Professional Development Center in Pullen Hall for their advice and assistance. The Center is there to help you with career information and assisting you with resumes and interviews.

**Annapolis.** This is a busy time in Annapolis with the state government in full operation working on bills and next year's budget. We had two very successful meetings with subcommittees of the Senate and the House regarding our operating budget. In two weeks, I will be meeting with two subcommittees on our building projects. This past Wednesday, we had an enjoyable evening in the Senate building meeting with state legislators, students and alumni to talk about FSU. Two of our guests from the Class of 2000 were doing double-duty as alums and state legislators! Thanks to Del. Tony Bridges and Sen. Antonio Hayes, both representing Baltimore City, for stopping by.

**Departmental Meetings.** Lastly, I continue to meet with departmental faculty and staff about the strategic plan and other items of interest to the departments. I will be sharing a document with some of my thoughts early next week that may help stimulate the conversations.

I hope everyone has an enjoyable weekend. Let's hope spring is here soon!

