

Good morning,

Here is my biweekly update:

State of the University. Thanks to all those attended the meeting last Thursday and to the VPs for their presentations on their respective divisions. If you couldn't attend, you can get a flavor for the meeting through various press reports:

- https://www.times-news.com/news/local_news/nowaczyk-speaks-at-state-of-the-university/article_e30e1d9d-61a7-5c89-af36-7a7ebb3b4ab7.html
- <http://thebottomlinenews.com/president-nowaczyk-and-vice-presidents-deliver-2019-state-of-the-university-address/>
- <https://soundcloud.com/amanda-mangan/dr-ronald-nowaczyk-for-pht>
- Here is the PowerPoint from that day: <https://www.frostburg.edu/files/pdfs/presidents-office/finalstateofunivslidessept-5-2019w52019.pdf>

A report on strategic action items is attached. I'll have more information on next steps on strategic planning in my next biweekly email.

Upcoming Events. For those who want to keep up on current events and politics, we have three upcoming events:

Times Talk Thursday

Thursday, Sept. 12

12:30 pm – 2:00 pm – Lane Center 108

Democratic Debate Watch Party

Thursday, Sept. 12

8:00 pm – Lane Center Lounge

Constitution Day at FSU

Featuring George Washington

Tuesday, Sept. 17

12:30 pm – 2:00 pm

Ort Library

There are several other student events this weekend, including movies and bubble soccer.

Construction Update. We continue to make very good progress on the new residence hall. The roof and windows are being installed. After that is finished, construction will focus on the interior and be free of weather concerns. The Education and Health Sciences building design is moving along as well. We are in the middle of the design/drawings phase and look forward to construction beginning in spring 2020, once the snow is gone.

Brownsville Monument. As many of you may know, part of our campus north of Compton Science Center was once a residential neighborhood known as Brownsville. Due to the work of a number of individuals, we have a funded grant to erect a plaque and monument to that community, which was predominantly African-American. I am setting up a committee of campus and community members to confirm the information we will be posting on that plaque to ensure its accuracy and completeness. On

a related note, the reconstituted University Advisory Council on Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion, chaired by Prof. Jennifer Earles & Ms. Robin Wynder, has been charged with undertaking a feasibility study of transforming the old Public Safety building into a Cultural Center.

I want to thank students on and off campus for their continued respect of their neighbors. We have had fewer instances of noise and behavioral complaints this fall than in years past. Please continue to be mindful of others. And thanks to all the students, faculty and staff who came out to the Block Party last week in downtown Frostburg. A special thanks to all of the student groups that set up tables and helped make it a success. The mayor and city council were very much appreciative of all of the support our campus community gave to the event.

Lastly, please take a moment today to remember the many lives lost on Sept 11, 2001, as well as those of first-responders who dealt with disaster and our military who responded and sacrificed in the years following.

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