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Good afternoon,

Here's an update on several items:

**General Education Program.** I attended an information session last Monday on the progress regarding an update of our General Education Program. I am encouraged by the continued emphasis on knowledge acquisition and learning critical skills in oral and written communication, as well as on different types of critical thinking and reasoning. It was also good to see a discussion of what other institutions are doing as well. This faculty committee's work is progressing nicely.

**LinkedIn.** I want to encourage students who don't have a LinkedIn profile to create one. Networking with professionals, especially our alumni and friends, is a great way to develop potential internships and shadowing opportunities. Many alumni have told me they rely on LinkedIn. So, if you don't have a LinkedIn account and profile, please create one at [www.linkedin.com](http://www.linkedin.com). Invite me to join your network once you do!

**Homecoming.** Speaking of networking, we have a packed weekend of Homecoming events starting next Friday, Oct. 4. Check out the schedule [here](#). The weekend kicks off with the Career Expo from 9 a.m. until noon. This is a great opportunity for students to learn directly from our successful alumni about their career paths.

**Construction.** Work on the new residence hall is progressing, and the roof and exterior windows are currently being installed. Then in October, the architects for the new Education and Health Sciences Building will be giving a briefing on the latest designs for that project. We will share those designs campus-wide once we see what the architects are suggesting.

**Vice Presidential Updates.** I have asked each of the vice presidents to take turns sharing an email update from their respective divisions on the weeks I don't send an update. Look for the first of these emails next week!

**Open House on Saturday.** We have an Admissions Open House for prospective students and their families this Saturday. If you see visitors on campus, please say hello to them and make them feel welcome. Share your experiences at FSU. A welcoming campus helps with recruitment!

I hope everyone continues to enjoy the extended summer weather.

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