Good afternoon,

As we come to the close of June, here are a few updates:

Vaccination Mandate. All FSU students and employees on campus for the fall 2021 semester are required to provide proof of being vaccinated for COVID-19 or have applied for an exemption by August 1. Complete information and guidance can be found here. Vaccinations are a crucially important part of the effort to end the pandemic and I encourage all to get vaccinated.

Get Vaccinated this Wednesday. If you have not been vaccinated, FSU is hosting a walk-in COVID-19 vaccination clinic for any student or employee this Wednesday, June 30, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in room 111 of the Lane Center. All three vaccines are being offered. If you receive either of the two-dose vaccinations, you can receive the second dose and upload your information before the August 1 deadline. There is no cost or appointment needed. Visit www.frostburg.edu/COVID19 for more information.

Campus Changes. Work on the new Education and Health Sciences Center continues. Watch the progress here. We have begun renovations on the entry floor of Ort Library. LED lighting has been installed and, with the support and advice of the library staff, we are transforming the main floor into an active student learning center. A new roof on Cumberland Hall is nearing completion and Gunter Hall is scheduled next for a new roof.

Bobcat Welcome Sessions. We've completed several well-attended, on-campus sessions to welcome and register new students. Feedback from students and families has been positive. I always enjoy meeting our new Bobcats. And I want to thank all those on campus who have been helping us welcome our fall incoming class.

Budget Advisory Committee. Based on requests from university governance units, a new ad hoc Budget Advisory Committee has been formed to explain more about the university budget and enhance the budget communication process within the university community. The first meeting of the committee was held today.

Virtual Coffees. Finally, students and employees should be sure to watch your FSU email for announcements of 'Virtual Coffee with the President' sessions the week of July 5 for faculty and staff and mid-July for students.

I hope everyone continues to be safe,

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