Here's our next vice presidential update, from Leon Wyden, vice president for Administration and Finance.

This is a summary of the areas covered by Administration and Finance.

## **Facility Projects**

- 1. New Residence Hall Project The siding is almost complete and the contractors continue to work on the inside of the building. The mild winter, so far, has helped to move the project forward. It will be complete late spring and ready for occupancy at the start of the fall semester
- 2. Chesapeake Dining Hall Project This project renovates the North side of the dining area and provides a Teaching Kitchen for the campus community. Our facilities group is supporting Chartwells by managing this project. These renovations will be complete for the start of the fall semester.
- 3. Education and Health Sciences Center Official groundbreaking ceremony for the building will occur in late spring. Phase I is utility relocation and mine grouting. This will start this spring. Phase II will be the building construction and that will start next fall. The campus will be impacted as FSU will need to close the gravel parking lot the first week in March. We will also need to create a new pedestrian walkway from the south residence halls to the lower level entrance to the PE Center. The new walkway will be completed in before the start of the fall semester.
- 5. The City of Frostburg will renovate the College Avenue storm drain and sewers this summer. The project will start after commencement in May and be completed at the end of September. The project will affect pedestrian walkways at the University Drive and College Avenue intersection. Late in the project, College Avenue will be impacted by repaving once the project nears completion. During this project access to all FSU parking lots will be maintained.
- 6. Frederick Hall Renovations This project is next on FSU's plan to provide better housing for our students. The project will close Frederick Hall for the 2020/21 academic year. We expect completion in time for our students return in the fall of 2021.
- 7. Guild Hall AC As part of our renovations to the Guild building, a new air-conditioning chiller will be installed in Guild this spring to improve the comfort of the building for our students, faculty, staff and students.

# **Finance and Budget**

- 1. Budget remains challenging this year due to less enrollment than anticipated. We are grateful for all the divisions' commitment to reducing spending for fiscal 2020 to help address the revenue shortfall.
- 2. Conferences and Events will present the Harlem Globetrotters, who are in their 94th year of basketball wizardry and comedic theatrics, will return to FSU on Monday, Feb. 24, at 7 p.m. in the Cordts PE Center Bobcat Arena. Their one-of-a-kind family entertainment has been seen by millions of people, including popes, kings, queens and presidents. The Globetrotters have showcased their iconic performance in 122 countries and territories in six continents, breaking cultural and societal barriers. In 2014, their visit to Frostburg was a tremendous success in that they broke box office records out of the 101 Globetrotter venues they performed at that year.

## **Information Technology**

- 1. FSU is part of a comprehensive coalition established by USM. The goal of this group is collaboration to improve and commonize business processes. The coalition consist of FSU, Bowie, Salisbury, Coppin, University of Baltimore (UB) and University of Maryland Eastern Shore (UMES). USM has sponsored initial meetings of the Vice Presidents of Administration and Finance and the Chief Information Officers of each institution to explore opportunities for collaboration. Each institution will host the Tambellini Group during February. The Tambellini Group provides assistance in assessment of each institutions finance and human resource areas. They will visit FSU in mid-February. USM is sponsoring and funding this project.
- 2. OIT continues to battle with the never-ending challenges around cybersecurity. In addition to implementing new security infrastructure, we are currently evaluating engagements with cybersecurity companies to perform assessments on our environment. Also, our security awareness program will launch again in the next couple of months. This training is very critical given the increased cyber-attacks on university campuses. Please remain vigilant with any email you receive. Make sure you verify the sender and don't click on any links or attachments unless you know they are safe.
- 3. IT is currently working with facilities to implement a new motor pool system to replace the iPool system that we've used for many years. The new system, Agile Fleet Commander, this cloud based system will allow university constituents to check out cars through a kiosk rather than visiting the Police station. We will provide more information about the check-out process. We expect this to be deployed in late spring.
- 4. IT is rolling out a new IT Governance structure for FSU. This new structure will provide greater transparency into the projects and initiatives in IT. Most importantly, it will promote alignment with university priorities, and ensure IT resources are focused on the most important projects for the university. IT will be providing more information on this as we begin to implement the new processes.

# **Campus Safety**

- The search for an Environmental, Safety and Sustainability Officer is coming to a close. Finalists
  were selected by the committee for on-campus interviews. Those interviews will be held in midFebruary. We hope to have this position filled by the end of March.
- 2. The campus incident report for the last five years appears below.

### REPORTED INCIDENTS

(as 12/31/19)							
2015	2016	2017	2018	2019			

Sex Offenses
Burglary
Robbery
Theft
Assault

2	2	1	7	4
8	5	4	3	1
0	2	0	2	0
34	42	25	15	23
14	17	11	13	13

Vandalism
Destruction of Property
M/V Theft
Hate Crimes
Controlled Dangerous Substance
Alcohol

Totals

0	3	3	3	1
16	15	15	8	16
1	1	0	0	0
1	1	0	0	0
86	127	98	93	92
33	33	17	10	3
195	248	174	154	153

#### **Human Resources**

- 1. PMP process: all notes and updates should be documented in TrakStar by February 28, 2020 before the window closes. Scoring phase opens on March 1, 2020. Memo will be sent out to campus during the first week of February.
- 2. Professional Development Conference will be held on April 14, 2020. Registration will open soon, please watch for email announcements.
- 3. HR has initiated a Business Partner program. This new process will assign an HR resource person to the Academic Division. This person will be responsible for supporting this division with faculty and support staff needs. Likewise, a second resource person is assigned to support the balance of the university divisions with their personnel requirements. This new process reflects the recommendation of the Sibson report that was completed last spring.

#### **Athletics**

- The Alhambra Catholic Invitational Tournament (ACIT) returns to FSU's Bobcat Arena Thursday, March 12 through Saturday March 14. The ACIT is organized by Wamba Caravan No. 89, International Order of the Alhambra. The ACIT is based in Cumberland, Md. Since its beginning in 1961, the A.C.I.T. has been host to 84 teams from 10 states, the District of Columbia, and Canada. Many of the players and coaches that have participated in the tournament have gone on to find success in college and the NBA.
- 2. FSU's first provisional membership year in NCAA DII is going well. FSU attended the NCAA convention in Anaheim, as required for all provisional members. Our campus visit from the NCAA Division II membership committee is scheduled for Thursday, March 27, and Friday, March, 28.
- 3. The arena in Cordts Physical Education Center renovation has been completed with new bleachers and flooring to support the many events that are held in this venue. Much of this work was funded by the University System of Maryland because of potential safety issues due to the age of the bleachers.

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