Good afternoon,

Here are a few updates for this week.

State of the University. Our <u>virtual State of the University</u> will feature a message this week from John Short, vice president for University Advancement and executive director of the FSU Foundation. Watch his video at <u>this link</u>. You can also review my update, along with a <u>listing</u> of new faculty, Staff Awards for Excellence and President's Distinguished Faculty and Staff Award winners <u>at this link</u>.

Admissions Campus Visit Days. Admissions is featuring a campus visit day this weekend, and the number of sign-ups from prospective students and families is encouraging. This weekend is the first of several events bringing prospective students to campus. Having this campus visit day while Homecoming is ongoing will show the vibrancy of our campus.

Homecoming. Speaking of Homecoming, there are <u>many events</u> scheduled for this weekend as we welcome alumni back to campus for the first time in two years. Please take advantage of these events, from alumni gatherings, to <u>sporting events</u>, to the play, "<u>Alice in Wonderland</u>." For students, if you have the chance to meet alumni(ae), please take the opportunity to network and make connections with your fellow Bobcats.

Staff Reclassifications. At the most recent virtual coffee hour for faculty and staff, a question was raised about employee reclassifications. We made no reclassifications this past spring because of COVID-19, budget uncertainties, and the fact that some staff were teleworking and that we were working through a revised campus policy for teleworking. We will examine the current status of the budget to determine if the reclassification/position review window will open for implementation in FY2023.

Changes in staffing. Another request during the staff/faculty virtual coffee hour was to be informed about employees who change positions or reorganization of departments. A <u>listing of new employees</u> is located on the <u>Office of Human Resources website</u>. Changes with current employees will also be listed on the webpage – this is currently in progress. We will use <u>StateLines</u> as well to provide regular updates listing new employees or current employees who may be switching positions or departments.

Campus Parking. Questions about student parking and availability of spaces were raised during the most recent student virtual coffee hour. I will be reaching out to the Parking Committee that reports to the University Advisory Council with those concerns. I think there would be value in updating our "inventory" of parking spaces on campus as well as looking at the costs that would be associated with improving parking lots and considering additional spaces, if needed.

Please continue to be safe and healthy!

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