

Here are a few updates for this week.

**Appalachian Festival.** Thanks to all who participated in or helped organize and support the Appalachian Festival this past weekend. As in past years, the community very much appreciates our efforts to offer this event.

**Bobcat Innovation Launch Pad.** In partnership with the TEDCO Maryland Innovation Lab, Deloitte's Innovation Lab and the University System of Maryland Launch Fund, FSU is sponsoring a student competition this weekend. We have over 70 students who have expressed an interest in participating in this unique program. We hope the competition winners will use their prize money to further develop their ideas. You can learn more about this event [here](#).

**Student Recruitment.** We are beginning the process of recruiting students for next year. We already have nearly 100 applications for next fall. As the semester progresses, we'll be sharing more about events on campus.

**Strategic Planning Initiatives.** Look forward to an email reminder about open sessions this October that will focus on revisiting our mission and vision statements and refining our two upcoming initiatives – a continuing focus on strategic enrollment and a deeper dive into the campus culture and environment. Your input will be important.

**SGA Initiative.** Thanks to SGA President Rachael Michalski who has proposed the idea of a pizza night with Rachael and me, along with a group of students, faculty and staff that they invite. The idea is to enhance dialogue on campus about issues that are important to the campus community.

As fall approaches, I hope everyone's semester continues to go well. Go Bobcats!