

Good afternoon. I would like to provide an update on several items with the campus community.

Interim Provost and VP for Academic Affairs

Please join me in welcoming Dr. Larry Weill who started today as our Interim Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs. Larry has an extensive record in higher ed. He recently served as Interim Director of USMH and prior to that as Vice President of Academic and Student Affairs at USNY Sullivan. He also served as President of Gordon State College in Georgia for 18 years.

I want to thank Dr. Sharman Adams, Dr. Sara-Beth Bittinger, and the staff in the Provost's Office for their leadership and attention to academic matters during the transition.

ARC POWER Grant and Microgrid Project

We had a very fruitful meeting last week with executives from Optimize Renewables. They are working with FSU on demonstrating the sustainability of a climate-friendly microgrid on campus in an area where energy costs are below the national average.

This is a continued commitment from FSU to renewable sources of energy consumption and aligns with our continued investigation of biomass as a source of energy on campus and our recently established master's degree program, with UMCES, in Environmental Management in Sustainability.

Visit by Congressman Trone

FSU welcomed Congressman David Trone and April McClain Delaney, democratic candidate for Maryland's 6th Congressional District, to campus recently. They, along with their staff, toured the Multimedia Center in Gira. Congressman Trone has been instrumental in securing significant federal support for an upgrade to our Multimedia Center. We await budget actions from the US Senate.



Pictured: Amy Hutcherson, FSU Regional Science Center Launch Coordinator; Dr. Jason Speights, FSU associate chemistry professor; Dr. Ron Nowaczyk, FSU President; Delaney, Trone, and Dr. William Seddon, FSU biology professor.

Meeting with SGA

Thank you to our SGA for the opportunity to meet with them at a recent SGA meeting. There were many good questions and constructive dialogue. In a discussion with SGA President Michalski, we agreed to consider activities we can offer students on campus on weekends to create a more vibrant campus environment for students. I welcome additional discussions with SGA.