

Below is my weekly update to campus.

Faculty Assembly and Questions

Yesterday, the administration was invited to the first hour of the faculty assembly. I received a series of specific questions regarding budget and personnel decisions a few hours prior to that meeting, and I shared that it would take time to respond to these questions. Questions used data from a variety of sources including federal, state, and our own budget information. I committed to holding a town hall once we have a response to those items. The town hall will be open to the entire campus and will be held in person with an option to join virtually.

NSF Initiative

Dr. Xunyu Pan, along with Dr. Sudhir Singh and Sara Wilhelm, attended a multi-day NSF workshop in Atlanta, Ga., last week (paid for by NSF) to complete phase 2 of a 3-phase process to submit a proposal for NSF's Enabling Partnerships to Increase Innovation Capacity (EPIIC) program. Upon completion of phase 2, Dr. Xunyu Pan received an invitation to lead FSU in phase 3 of the process – submission of a full proposal. FSU will submit a collaborative proposal as part of a 5-institution cohort. The goals of awards made to EPIIC recipients are 1) "Create partnerships with external organizations to grow programs in workforce development, use-inspired research and development (R&D), and/or the translation of research to practice in emerging technology fields," and 2) "Develop the capacity and institutional knowledge needed to build new partnerships and secure future external funding to support ongoing efforts in emerging technology fields and regional innovation ecosystems." If awarded, FSU will receive \$400,000 to carry out the program objectives.

Campus Visit Day

Thank you to everyone who participated in last Saturday's campus visit day. By all accounts it was a successful event with an engaged group of students and their families.

Lunch/Coffee/Beverage Opportunity

I am willing to meet with small groups of faculty, staff, and students this semester to answer questions and hear thoughts about the future direction of FSU. I'd like to keep the groups to 4 or 5 individuals to ensure a good discussion. If you are interested in taking me up on the offer (lunch is on me at Chesapeake, coffee/beverage in the Lane Center), please contact Ms. VanSkiver at 687-4111 so that she can share available dates and times.