

Below is my weekly update to campus.

Post-Election Day

As you awaken this morning, we have a new President-elect. I remind the Bobcat community of the importance of respect and civility in an environment that encourages respectful dialogue. One of our Principles of Community (you may have seen the posters around campus) reminds us that "The FSU community is committed to the highest standards of decency and civility. FSU accepts all human beings as they are and for how they are and will allow others to freely and peacefully express themselves, while abiding by established laws and procedures, to promote a community where everyone can work and learn together, even during times of disagreement."

I encourage respectful discussions across campus. Choose Civility: Allegany County is sponsoring a post-election discussion on Nov. 7 at 11 a.m. in the Adams/Wyche Multicultural Center to give students and community members the opportunity to talk about their feelings and the future.

November is Native American Heritage Month

November is a time to honor the history, the rich and diverse cultures, traditions and contributions of Native American, Alaska Native, Native Hawaiian and affiliated Island communities and people. This year's theme is "Affirming Native Voices: Visibility, Leadership, Service".

Middle States Team Chair Preliminary Visit

The MSCHE Steering Committee and Working Groups shared a DRAFT of our self-study with the visiting Team Chair in preparation for his preliminary visit to FSU on Nov. 7.

The purpose of this visit is to introduce him to our campus and assist FSU in understanding what to expect from the Evaluation Team visit in the spring to ensure that our self-study and evidence inventory support a successful visit. He will meet with several groups during this preliminary visit including the Steering Committee, Advisory Members to the Steering Committee, the co-chairs and liaison for each of the seven standards, and the Self-Study Steering Committee Chairs.

Upcoming Campus Visit Day

Saturday, Nov. 9 is our last Campus Visit Day for the fall semester. The schedule will include an academic program fair, academic breakout sessions by major, student activities and resource fair, on-site admission and dual enrollment opportunities, essential information for incoming Bobcats, and campus tours. If you see families on campus, please make them feel welcome. Campus visits are shown to significantly help in our recruitment process.

HEDS Sense of Community Survey Reminder

This is a reminder to please take the HEDS Sense of Community survey, if you haven't done so already, so that our Bobcats Belong group can learn more about whether you feel that FSU is welcoming and supportive and if you feel valued. We want to focus our efforts on our Strategic Goal 2: Campus Environment and External Messaging – the promotion of a campus culture that emphasizes student success, enhances the well-being of our students and employees and fosters a sense of belonging.

Remember, survey responses are anonymous. Click the following link to complete the survey: https://heds.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_514G9zeaULH8v5Q.

Thank you to those 140+ community members that have already completed the survey.

Go Bobcats!

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