

Congratulations faculty and staff!

I am very excited to share that the Middle States Commission on Higher Education (MSCHE) has reaffirmed our institutional accreditation through 2032! This means that Frostburg – including our instructional sites in Hagerstown and China – continues to meet the requirements put in place by the MSCHE in its seven rigorous and comprehensive Standards of Excellence.

As you know, MSCHE is an institutional accrediting agency recognized by the U.S. Department of Education and the Council for Higher Education Accreditation that accredits degree-granting institutions in the Mid-Atlantic region.

When the MSCHE team visited FSU in March, their findings addressed many facets of the University, provided a holistic acknowledgement of the great things that FSU is doing and collaboratively shared ideas for helping FSU continue a sustainable path forward.

We have been asked to provide MSCHE with a supplemental information report, which will be due next August, that provides further evidence of our multi-year, long-range financial models that include realistic enrollment projections that support sustainable financial stability. We will work together to make these enhancements to our strategic plan using the collegiate advice we received from the Middle States team as a blueprint.

I want to once again extend my gratitude to the FSU community for your collective participation in the Middle States team site visit and for many years of collaboration to produce Frostburg's final self-study document. Our document clearly demonstrated the University's commitment to continuous improvement. I am proud of you.

Again - thank you and congratulations!

With FSU pride,

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