

Sept. 26, 2016

Good morning,

I hope everyone's semester is going well. The recent community events including the Taste of Frostburg, the Block Party, the Arts Exhibition, the first CES event, and the Appalachian Festival have been great for the community and the campus. I encourage everyone to take advantage of the arts, cultural and athletic events on campus. Let's continue to make FSU a vibrant place to learn and enjoy. Here is an update on several items.

Enrollment. Our enrollment data for fall 2016 will be posted soon on our website. Here are some overall statistics:

	F14	F15	F16
UG	4915	4961	4884
GRAD	730	795	792
TOTAL	5645	5756	5676
Frostburg	4622	4598	4566
Other Campuses	363	386	366
Online	660	772	744
TOTAL	5645	5756	5676

While our headcount is down by 80 students, the full-time equivalent (FTE) students are down by slightly fewer, 54 students. I hope to have additional data by incoming class and retention data within the next week.

Budget. We developed a budget for this year anticipating a slight drop in enrollments. We are working with Administration and Finance to update the budget based on our enrollment numbers. You may have read that the state is concerned about not meeting revenue projections, and we are looking at various scenarios including those that may require us to reduce our appropriations from the state. Given that the majority of our budget is spent on personnel and that we have already committed 50% of our budget for the fall semester, I have asked the vice presidents to review and slow the planned hiring processes where possible until we have a better sense of the budget and state's economy.

Strategic Planning & Middle States Accreditation. We continue our work on both of these initiatives. There will be a web link available soon providing updates regarding the monitoring reports on assessment. General information sessions on strategic planning will be held this coming Friday in Lane 111 (10:05 a.m., 11:05 a.m., and 1:05 p.m.). I appreciate the interest and efforts of so many in moving FSU forward.

White House Meeting. This past week, I was invited to a White House meeting for college presidents to discuss the President's commitment to interfaith cooperation and community

engagement. The two-hour meeting was extremely informative and interesting. The meeting covered a number of topics focused on colleges and universities leading efforts to improve their local communities. The recent events in Tulsa and Charlotte were discussed. I am proud of what FSU has accomplished and its commitment to civic engagement. I plan to meet with student leadership, Student Affairs staff, and faculty leadership to discuss ways we can move our community forward and improve our understanding during these challenging times.

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