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Good afternoon,

This is my last biweekly email of 2016. As the semester winds down, I want to wish everyone a relaxing and enjoyable holiday break. Here is an update on a few items:

Parking. The SGA leadership met with several individuals from administration including me to discuss the recent SGA resolution regarding parking availability for students. We agreed to focus first on the parking regulations in the evening and night hours. A small group of students and staff will get together to review those regulations and suggest any modifications. I have asked the group to meet and get recommendations to the University Advisory Council in a timely manner for consideration.

Sustainability Fee. As many of you know, Frostburg State University is committed to improving the environment. Students voted to institute a sustainability fee. That action has certainly contributed to Frostburg State receiving a Silver classification from the Association for the Advancement of Sustainability in Higher Education (AASHE) and being recognized as a “Green” institution by the Princeton Review. I have briefly discussed with both the President’s Advisory Council for Sustainability and SGA leadership the need for student input on how we enhance the campus commitment to the environment through the use of those fee revenues in the future.

Student Feedback. I appreciate the input from students at a number of meetings and informal chat sessions this semester. I plan to categorize that feedback and share it in a campus email after the first of the year. I ask that you thank the many staff, student, and faculty members that helped with so many events this semester. I think of the many cultural events, events in the Lane Center, the Storybook Holiday on Saturday, Dec. 3, in Frostburg, and even the late night dining event at Chesapeake Hall this past Monday.

Provost Search Update. The three finalists for the Provost position were interviewed on campus, and I received the feedback from the search committee chair, Dr. Mike Murtagh, yesterday. I concurred with the feedback they provided and will be working with the search consultant on the next stage of extending an offer.

Next Tuesday, we will have 592 new Frostburg State alumni following our afternoon graduation ceremony. Congratulations to these students and their families! On a personal note, thank you for your support to me and my family and also to the Frostburg campus community. I wish everyone a happy holiday and a wonderful start to 2017.

My best wishes,

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