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Good afternoon,

As we enter the second full week of the semester, I hope all is going well in the classroom and on campus. For students, please know that if you are experiencing any difficulties, please contact your advisor. Also, I encourage you to work closely with your faculty and FSU staff to set the right goals for a successful term. Your success is a team effort, with you taking the lead.

Here are a few updates:

Listening Sessions. There are two listening sessions this week. The first is **today in Gira Center 397 at 3 p.m.** and the other is **tomorrow at Edgewood Commons at 6 p.m.** These are opportunities to share your thoughts and get answers to questions you may have on any topic here at Frostburg State.

Leadership Allegany. We are hosting a group of business and community leaders from Allegany County today as they learn more about Frostburg State University and K-20 education in the county. Superintendent David Cox of the Allegany County Public Schools and President Cynthia Bambara from Allegany College of Maryland joined me in a panel discussion this morning. The participants will also get a tour of campus and hear from a panel of Frostburg State students. I'm pleased to have these leaders see what Frostburg State means to the region and state.

Opportunity Grants. Opportunity Grants are available from the Frostburg State University Foundation. Applications are due by March 5. Proposals can be submitted by students, faculty, and staff. I encourage you to file an application. These are funds set aside to support our commitment to experiential education. You can find information at www.frostburg.edu/foundation/forms/opportunity-grant-request.

Small Business Revolution Main Street Makeover. Tomorrow morning, Small Business Revolution will announce the five finalist towns for the competition for \$500,000 in support of economic development. We hope that the City of Frostburg will be selected as a finalist. Frostburg made the list of eight from over 14,000 nominations. If we are selected, then we will need to vote online at smallbusinessrevolution.org for Frostburg to be the winning town! The thought is that the winning town will need 200,000+ votes. The biggest asset we have in terms of social media voting is our students, faculty and staff. Winning this competition would be a boost for both the city and the University. I encourage you to watch for emails tomorrow about the selection results. We should know something first thing tomorrow morning.

I wish everyone continued success and look forward to talking with you on campus.

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