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Good Afternoon,

Here is an update on some items:

Middle States Accreditation: We continue to work on institutional and general education assessment reports. Regarding institutional assessment, I encourage you to visit <http://internal.frostburg.edu/PACIE/> (enter your FSU credentials). My office, the Vice Presidents, and the Chair of Faculty have individualized one-page plans, which demonstrate our commitment to continual improvement and effectiveness. Results from the previous year will be posted soon.

Sports: Congratulations to the [women's soccer team](#) and the [football team](#) on being invited to post-season play. I'm proud of all our student-athletes who continue to play hard and represent Frostburg State in such a positive way. Thanks to the coaches and athletic staff as well for helping guide our student-athletes. Please come out to support our athletic teams when you can.

Arts: Let's continue to support the artistic endeavors of our students as well. The top three [events](#) listed on our web page celebrate our faculty and student visual and performing artists. I am pleased we are displaying [FSU student and faculty work](#) in Cumberland (with the help of the Allegany Arts Council) with a free reception this Saturday evening.

Provost/Vice President for Academic Affairs Search: There will be on-campus interviews for three finalists for the Provost position when we return from the Thanksgiving holiday. I thank the committee of faculty, staff, and students for their efforts in identifying these outstanding candidates for us to consider. Please be aware that they are "interviewing" us as well to determine if this is the right place for them.

Economic Development: We had a very good visit with Vice Chancellor Tom Sadowski, who heads up the University System of Maryland's office for economic development. He visited with community leaders last week to learn more about how we (FSU and other system schools) can help our students find jobs and also use the University as an asset to attract new jobs and companies either to be created here or to relocate. This is part of our outreach mission.

Post-election: I thank each of you personally for the civil and respectful interactions we have been having on campus following last week's presidential election. As I mentioned in an earlier email, we are going to examine our unwritten chalking policy. Dr. Bowling is also leading an effort to schedule a campus event for discussions about the election. I appreciate students coming out last Sunday to talk with each other, staff, my wife, and me. I've also enjoyed the two informal chat sessions in Frost and Cumberland Halls this week. An, I must confess, my son, Jake, enjoyed the cookies!

If the weather forecasters are correct, summer weather ends today! Enjoy it, and have a safe and relaxing Thanksgiving holiday.

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