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Good morning,

Here is an update on campus as we approach the last month of summer break before the beginning of the fall semester.

Enrollment. Our admissions and academic affairs staff continue to enroll new and returning students. At this point our number of new students who have paid their deposits for this fall is approximately the same as last year, and we are slightly ahead of last year in the number of new students with schedules for this upcoming fall. I thank all those working to help FSU students prepare for the fall semester.

Construction. We had a very successful groundbreaking ceremony for the new residence hall on July 11. The construction process is now under way with site preparation and fencing of the construction site. It is great to see the construction process get started.



The design of the Education and Health Sciences building continues as the architects meet with faculty and administration in the conceptual design process. The design process will take almost two years before construction begins in the area between the Lane Center and the Cordts PE Center.

Lastly, Counseling and Psychological Services (CAPS) has moved into new space in the basement of Cumberland Hall; renovations continue in Annapolis Hall; and, the final touches in the renovation of Pullen Hall are nearing completion. There will be some paving of parking lots happening prior to the start of the fall semester.

Position Searches. Two candidates from a pool of nearly 50 individuals interviewed for the Title IX coordinator position. We are now moving on to the next stage of checking references and follow-up interviews. The search committee has identified three candidates for the VP for Enrollment Management to invite to campus. Those interviews will take place the week of July 30. In addition to meetings with various constituencies including faculty, staff, and students, each candidate will have an open session. That information and schedule will be forthcoming from the committee.

Athletics. The Mountain East Conference held a press conference on campus on July 12 to formally announce their invitation to Frostburg State to join the DII conference. We have accepted the invitation contingent on our submitting a successful application for DII membership to the NCAA. We will be working through various committees and groups this fall to complete that application, which is due next Feb. 1.

Strategic Planning. We had a well-attended working meeting in late June to review and receive input on 12 strategic planning action items that are tied to the University's strategic goals. We are incorporating the input into the action items. On Monday, July 30, the assessment committee will meet with the University Advisory Council to review progress on the strategic plan and identify priorities for this upcoming year. I thank all that continue to be involved in this important process.

Please enjoy the remaining weeks of summer!