

Good afternoon,

Here is an update on a few items:

Enrollment. The Admissions office sponsored a campus visit day last weekend. We had a number of students who applied to FSU during their visit. Thanks to all who helped. Department chairs have been provided contact information for students accepted for spring 2023 and have been encouraged to reach out to those students. As of Monday, we have 104 students accepted (compared with 52 at this point last year) and 29 deposited (compared with 11 last year). Lastly, I met with department chairs last week to implement our pilot program on offering departmental merit scholarships to a select set of students. This idea came from the chairs last January, and we hope it will provide a reason for chairs and faculty to contact prospective students for fall 2023. The target date for awarding this first round of scholarships is the Monday after Thanksgiving.

Facilities Update. Work continues on the Education and Health Sciences Center with an anticipated completion date in late December or early January, in time for occupancy prior to the beginning of the spring 23 semester. We continue to monitor the supply chain for materials needed to complete the building. Work also continues for the Adams/Wyche Multicultural Center. We hope to complete that work in spring 2023. Lastly, we are spending capital improvement money awarded from the state. The roof work on Compton is part of that funding.

Strategic Planning Session. Please save the morning of November 18 if you would like to participate in a session to review the progress and actions of our current Strategic Plan which is scheduled to end in spring 2023. I'll have more details later. We are looking at a working session that Friday morning from 9 until noon.

Blood Drive. The FSU Pre-Med Society is sponsoring a blood drive next Tuesday, November 8 from 11 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. in the Atkinson Room. You can reserve a 15-minute slot to donate here: <https://www.redcrossblood.org/give.html/drive-results?zipSponsor=FrostburgUnivLane>



Civic Engagement. Thank you to our students, faculty and staff who made the Congressional Candidate Forum on Monday evening a success. I talked with both candidates later who complimented the

students for their thoughtful questions and their willingness to ask questions on tough and significant issues facing our society. The event is another example of FSU's leadership role as a university committed to civic engagement and service.

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