## Good morning,

An update on a few items:

**Strategic Plan Review Session.** Thank you to the 30+ campus members who participated in the strategic plan review session held last Friday morning. A summary of the results will be posted on the website in December. Among the successes often noted were our COVID response and the implementation of the advising recommendations from the EAA process. Topics of continued interest and attention included student enrollment, retention of faculty and staff, and investment in leadership development. We'll be using these results for further discussion in the spring semester.



**CAEP Accreditation.** The College of Education received good news last week that the education programs have received disciplinary accreditation from the Council for Accreditation of Educator Preparation at both the Initial Teacher Preparation and Advanced Preparation levels. Congratulations to the faculty, staff and students in Education on this accomplishment.

**Enrollment.** Student deposits for spring 2023 continue to be well ahead of last year, with 102 this year compared to 30 at this time last year. The majority are transfer and re-admit students. Our fall 2023 numbers continue to look good as well. We have had nearly 2000 applications for fall 2024 compared with less than 800 at this point last year. And, we have had 50 students deposit for fall 2024 compared with 5 at this time last year. We will continue our efforts to stay in contact with prospective students and their families earlier and more often than we have in the past. We also continue to follow our strategic enrollment plan and share information with the USM. Thank you to all that are making this happen, from admissions counselors, student ambassadors, staff in admissions and financial aid, and faculty and staff.

**Thanksgiving Break.** I hope everyone has a safe and relaxing Thanksgiving holiday. We will have a busy December as we start to wrap up the fall semester when we return to campus next Monday. Safe travels to those who will be away.

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