

Good afternoon,
Here is this week's update.

Middle States Reaccreditation. We are beginning the process for our next Middle States Commission on Higher Education (MSCHE) reaccreditation in 2025. The multi-year process has begun with an FSU team beginning its orientation on the standards of accreditation. When we did our last review in 2016, MSCHE had just reduced the number of standards from 14 to 7. We will begin writing our self-study report during the 2024 academic year with a site visit from a visiting team scheduled for spring 2025.

Election Day and Voting. FSU will be **closed** on Election Day. I encourage everyone to vote if you haven't done so already by mail ballot or early voting. As I mentioned earlier, FSU has been recognized as a leader in student voting and civic engagement. I hope we can continue that recognition.

Native American Heritage Month. We celebrate Native American Heritage Month in November. Two websites that provide information on this celebration include a government [website](#) and [another](#) from the National Congress of American Indians. The US government formally recognized the "first Americans" with a day of honor in 1915. In 1990, President George H. W. Bush approved a joint resolution designating November 1990 "National American Indian Heritage Month."

Maryland Symphony. A quick reminder that some tickets remain for the Maryland Symphony's concert here on Friday, November 11. Tickets are free for FSU students. This is one of the most popular CES events each year.

Athletics. FSU's women's soccer team is seeded #1 in the MEC playoffs and is ranked #15 nationally. The FSU women play in the semifinals on Friday at 4 p.m. in Bobcat Stadium. This is the first time we are hosting a MEC playoff since moving to D2. Women's volleyball has its last match of the year at 7 p.m. on Friday in the Bobcat Arena. Admission is free for both events.

Go Bobcats!

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