

Good afternoon,

This is my last update for 2022.

MSCHE Annual Conference. Several of us attended last week's annual MSCHE conference. We spent time talking with our MSCHE Vice-President Liaison, Dr. Terence Peavy, about the process for our upcoming self-study. He said he plans to visit campus in the spring to review our plans and offer suggestions.

USM Consultant. Thanks to all that met with Dr. Rick Legon earlier this week. As part of the USM Regents' policies, an outside reviewer meets with the campus and local community to provide a formative review of my leadership. Rick said he enjoyed the meetings he had and learned much about FSU's mission and commitment to students and the community. He will prepare a report for the Regents and the Chancellor. I intend to share some of his observations with the campus community. Once again, thanks to those who took the time to meet with him.

Education and Health Science Center. Work, both inside and outside, has accelerated on the new building if you haven't noticed. The number of contractors and work schedules have increased. John Brewer, Troy Donoway and I met with the College Park team managing the project for us. We have another meeting scheduled prior to the holiday break. At this point, we've been told to anticipate furniture arriving right after January 1. The installation of furniture will begin on the fourth floor, which houses faculty offices. The project managers told us several milestones of building and operational approvals have been met.

Transform Mid-Atlantic Awards. As board chair of Transform Mid-Atlantic, our multi-state organization devoted to student civic engagement, I announced this year's awards Tuesday evening. FSU's Dr. Joan Serafin received the Global Citizenship award. Congrats to Dr. Serafin. Joining her for the ceremony were her parents, along with Dr. Tom Bowling and Mr. Bill Mandicott.

Next week's events. Please add the following events to your calendar:

- **UPTv** will be featuring Frostburg and Storybook Holidays on Sunday evening at 9 p.m. Additional viewing times are next Monday at 6:30 a.m. and next Thursday at 10:30 a.m. There will be a "watch party" at City Place on Sunday at 9 p.m.
- **Annual Holiday Reception** will be held on Tuesday, December 20 from 2 until 4 p.m. in the ARMAH. Unwrapped toys are welcome for our toy collection for the community.
- **Winter commencement** will be held on Wednesday, December 21 at 9:30 a.m.

I hope everyone has a relaxing and enjoyable holiday break and look forward to seeing everyone in 2023!

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