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Here is an update on a few items.

FSU Regional Science Center. I thank the City of Frostburg for donating the old City Hall on Main Street to FSU for our future FSU Regional Science Center. The donation will make it easier for FSU to accept the building and begin the process of renovation, which will then allow us to begin work on installing the Challenger Center as the centerpiece of the Center. You can learn more about the Challenger Centers [here](#).

FSU Swimming Teams. Congratulations to our swimming team student-athletes and coaches. The women won the MEC Championship last weekend; our first women's championship in the MEC. The men finished third in the MEC. Our student-athletes continue to represent FSU well in athletic competitions, as well as in the classroom and the community.

Virtual Town Hall. A quick reminder, the Faculty Senate is hosting a virtual town hall tomorrow at 4 p.m. The focus will be on questions regarding COVID.

CARES Act funding. An announcement will be going out next week on our plans to distribute the last federal funds we have available to directly support students registered this semester. Look for those details next week.

Education and Health Sciences Building. Unfortunately, we are seeing supply chain problems impact our schedule for completion of the Education and Health Sciences Building. Our project manager recently met with the faculty and staff representatives who have been involved in the design and construction of the building to provide an update. Current projections are that the building will not be completed until near the end of this year, with occupancy beginning at the start of the spring 2023 semester. Because most materials were purchased prior to the pandemic, we are not seeing an increase in the cost of the building. However, delays in the delivery of materials are having an impact on the building schedule.

Budget and enrollment. We continue to remain positive that the budget outlook for next year looks good – including additional funding for capital improvements on campus. We also had a

very successful open house last Saturday, as reported earlier this week by the Director of Admissions. Lastly, financial aid offers to prospective students went out last Friday evening. Thank you to everyone working hard to recruit the fall class of new students.

Continue to be safe and healthy!

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