

Good afternoon,

This is my weekly update on a few topics.

Chancellor's Visit to FSU. Chancellor Jay Perman will make his annual visit to FSU and the Appalachian Lab on Friday, April 22. His day begins with a *Coffee Chat with the Chancellor open to all faculty and staff in Gira 397 from 9:15 - 9:55 a.m.* It will be hosted by Drs. Hegeman and Lombardi. The rest of his day includes visits to a couple of classes, a meeting with Education faculty and local school district superintendents, a brief meeting with the Student Athlete Advisory Committee, lunch with President's Leadership Circle students, a meeting with leadership of the campus governance groups, and a meeting with some of our industry/business partners. He concludes his day with a visit to the Appalachian Labs. Please join the Chancellor for the Coffee Chat and say hello if you see him on campus.

Student Visit Days. We had a very successful week for admitted students last week. It culminated with over 160 prospective students and families on campus last Saturday. Despite the snow squalls, the feedback from families was very positive. There were several reports of prospective students showing off their FSU IDs to fellow high school students earlier this week (that's what we were hoping for!). We have two more upcoming visit days: Monday, April 18, and Saturday, April 30. Invitations to high school sophomores and juniors were sent for the Saturday visit day. We're making significant strides in closing the deposit gap. Thanks to all that are helping us recruit the fall 2022 class!

Career Professional Development Conference. Thanks to HR and all involved in making this week's Professional Development Conference so popular. I think the topics were relevant to so many and I appreciate the presenters taking the time to share their knowledge and expertise. I hope we can continue to build on these opportunities for professional and career development. It is one of our strategic action items.

Frostburg State University's ASTAR AmeriCorps Program to Host Annual Book Giveaway. Frostburg State University's ASTAR in Western Maryland AmeriCorps program will hold a Community Outreach Project event, giving away books and supplies from Saturday, April 16, through Tuesday, April 19, from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. each day at City Place, 14 S. Water St. in Frostburg. The public is invited to choose from a large variety of books and other items at no cost. This event will feature new and gently used books of all genres and for all ages, along with a wide variety of personal supplies. Participants may take as many books and supplies as they like. Supply is limited, so those interested are encouraged to arrive early. It is a fun event and an opportunity to look for something to read that you normally wouldn't consider.

Governor's Budget. The supplemental funding for FSU that was proposed by the Governor was approved by the Legislature. This year's funding is for one-time capital projects. I'll be asking John Brewer, Director of Facilities, to put together a campus briefing that will outline the proposed upcoming projects. We received more than \$16 million to help us with campus construction and renovation projects. On that note, you may have noticed that the steel for the

“bridges” connecting the new Education and Health Sciences Building to Cordts and Lane have been installed. Brick work has begun on the backside of the building as well.

Budget Advisory Committee (BAC). At the request of the Faculty and Staff Senates, I convened a Budget Advisory Committee last summer. The BAC is holding an open forum for the campus next week on April 20 at 3:00 p.m. This forum will be open to all FSU faculty, staff and students. Dr. Michael Mathias will provide an overview of BAC, Troy Donoway will give a brief FY22 and FY23 budget update and Randy Lowe will present the results from the campus survey. The location for the in-person event will be sent soon.

Final Exams start in four weeks and May 2022 Commencement is in five weeks! Go Bobcats!

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