

Good afternoon,

I hope everyone's summer is going well. Here are a few updates:

Senator Cardin. Senator Cardin and his spouse, Myrna, visited campus this week. Delegate Beitzel joined us as well. We briefed the senator on two programs that are receiving federal funds. Dean Williams described the Maryland Accelerates Program, which focuses on a unique graduate program that helps individuals with a bachelor's degree get a master's in teaching while receiving a stipend. Then Tim Malloy and his staff introduced Senator Cardin to this year's Upward Bound students on campus for our summer program. I also spent some time talking with the senator about our construction projects and academic programs.



Baltimore Sun. FSU's recently approved (by USM) academic programs were mentioned in an article in the Baltimore Sun. You can read the article [here](#). The BSN program still needs MHEC and the MD Board of Nursing approvals.

Regional Recreational Complex. The Maryland Stadium Authority will be working with FSU over the next several months to complete a feasibility study on the concept of a regional recreational complex at FSU and what it would involve. The governor and legislature provided the funding for this study.

Library. New furniture is being installed in the Ort Library. I hope everyone has a chance to see the changes we are making. We still have plans for a coffee bar on the main level to open this fall.

In conclusion, thanks to all that made our employee appreciation week a success. It seems that many enjoyed having the open luncheon at Chesapeake and the Kona Ice!

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