

Good afternoon,

Here is a quick update on a few items as we near the end of July.

UAC/AIEC Summer Planning Session. The annual summer planning session with the Assessment and Institutional Effectiveness Council (AIEC) and University Advisory Council (UAC) will be held on Thursday morning. As in past years, AIEC will provide its report on its activities (including the Student Learning Assessment Advisory Group and Graduate Learning Assessment Advisory Group) to the governance bodies on UAC. The meeting will also include a discussion and review of funding spent on Strategic Planning Initiatives. Last year we budgeted \$1.2 million on these initiatives and spent just under \$1.3 million. We will be discussing the funds needed to continue some of the ongoing efforts regarding the strategic planning action items and initiatives. A report will be provided to campus as part of the State of the University address which we plan to have in person in early September.

Clean Energy Initiatives. I've talked about several initiatives FSU has been pursuing regarding clean energy. One of those initiatives involves the development of a microgrid on campus. I'm pleased to share an [article](#) on this topic from Government Weekly this week which featured FSU.

Summer Camps. We had a successful summer of in-person camps over the past two months. Thank you to all that made this possible. I was pleased that Admissions reached out to many campers and their families to share information about FSU for their future consideration.

Brunch in the Burg. Admissions will be hosting high school guidance counselors on campus next Tuesday to update them on FSU and provide them with the necessary information to help direct prospective students to FSU this fall. If you happen to see some of the counselors (many of whom are FSU grads!), please welcome them.

DBM & Capital Projects. Along with John Brewer and Rob Kettermann from facilities, I met today with officials and staff from the MD Department of Budget and Management to discuss future capital needs. This is an annual meeting where system schools meet with staff members from USM and DBM to review capital requests. The two main topics today were the \$10 million for capital improvements on campus and the proposal for the Regional Recreation Complex for which the governor has allocated \$5 million to FSU.

We're several weeks away from the beginning of the semester. Please continue to be safe. This area has seen an increase in covid cases; fortunately, the symptoms have been mild.

Thank you.

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