

Here is a quick update on a few items as we welcome students back to campus.

Weekend Activities. Most students will be moving into residence halls this Friday and Saturday. The final fall registration period will be on Friday as well. Please say hello to families if you have the opportunity. You can get a list of all weekend activities at this [link](#). There will be an academic convocation on Sunday at 3:30 in the ARMAH. Faculty are asked to either wear academic regalia or clothing with school colors. The convocation will be followed by a cook-out and activities for everyone at 5 pm.

College Retreats. As we prepare for the first day of classes next Monday, the three colleges held retreats this week. I appreciated the opportunity to meet with faculty and welcome new faculty into the Bobcat family. In addition to answering questions, my focus was on enrollment efforts and strategic planning processes.

State of the University. We will be returning to an in-person State of the University address on September 15 at 3 pm in the Pealer Recital Hall. The address will include my report and reports from each of the Vice Presidents and Robin Wynder, our Chief DEI Officer. The address will be recorded and posted on the website for those unable to attend.

Chancellor Visit. Chancellor Perman is scheduled to visit FSU on Wednesday, September 21. There will be an opportunity in the morning for faculty and staff to meet and have coffee with him. He is scheduled to have lunch with interested students at Chesapeake as well. He has asked to learn more about efforts in Western MD on P-20 (Pre-K through graduate school and/or the workforce) collaborations as well as workforce development. He will also visit the University of Maryland Center for Environmental Sciences (UMCES) that day. A more detailed schedule will be shared prior to his visit.

On a personal note, I am pleased to see the national discussion that is occurring regarding student debt. This follows the President's announcement yesterday on steps he is taking on student debt. It is a complex issue that will require the best minds to look at college costs and affordability. While I think we can do more, I was pleased to see two national organizations recognize FSU this summer as an institution of "value".

I hope everyone has a great beginning to a very successful academic year. Go Bobcats!

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