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Good afternoon. Here's an update on a few items:

Legislative officials visiting FSU. Yesterday, Mr. Keiffer Mitchell, Chief Legislative Officer to Gov. Larry Hogan, was on campus for the afternoon. Mr. Mitchell had the opportunity to meet with the vice presidents, learn about some of our capital (facilities) needs, and, most importantly, take a student-led tour of campus. He commented on the positive discussions he had with our students, who shared personal stories about being at FSU. This Friday afternoon, Sen. Chris Van Hollen is planning to visit FSU. He will be meeting with students from the President's Leadership Circle, as well staff and local leaders to learn about FSU's efforts to help improve economic development in the region. He will tour the FSU Innovation Park, the business park at the edge of campus, as well. I'm pleased to see the interest of our officials in learning more about activities and initiatives here at FSU.

New information on the Website. I invite you to explore these resources on our website:

- As a follow-up to a request at the most recent virtual coffee hour, we have included renderings of what the new [Education and Health Sciences Building](#) will look like, along with a link to the construction web cam.
- We also have a link to highlight the [Professional Achievements](#) of our faculty and staff.
- And, we continue to add to our presentations on the [State of the University](#). We just added a presentation by [Mr. Al Delia on Regional Development and Engagement](#).

Adams/Wyche Multicultural Center at Lincoln School. Work has begun on the Adams/Wyche Multicultural Center. The current work is going on inside the Lincoln School building. We are removing walls and material inside so that the building can be redesigned to meet the needs of the Center. We are also working on plans for the exterior as well. The plan is to relocate the fleet of vehicles outside the building to the Stangle Building with a 24/7 kiosk for checking out vehicles.

Flu shots and vaccine boosters. I encourage everyone to get a flu shot for this winter, if you haven't already. I'm hearing reports of more flu-like symptoms showing up in the community. (Brady Health still has flu shots available.) Also, stay in contact with your health care provider regarding the availability of vaccine boosters. There have been no discussions at the USM level yet regarding vaccine boosters other than that the scientific research shows a benefit in the booster increasing antibodies. I'm consulting with my health care provider on my best course regarding a booster.

Maryland Charity Campaign. The annual Maryland Charity Campaign will begin in November. Dr. Shakil Rahman and Ms. Crystal Miller are serving as co-chairs and will be coordinating with building captains throughout campus. Please continue your support or give for the first time to help our local and state nonprofits as they help those in need. You will hear more about the campaign during the coming weeks.

I hope everyone continues to be safe as we head into November and the latter half of the fall semester.

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