

Oct. 17, 2019

Good Morning,

Here's a brief update on several items.

Construction. The architects for the new Education and Health Sciences Building presented their latest plans, which include more information about the proposed interior of the building. Once we receive the PowerPoint slides from the architects, we will schedule a couple of open sessions for the university community to see more about the design of the building. We are still on schedule to do a ground-breaking event in spring 2020 as we begin construction.

Homecoming. From all accounts, Homecoming was a big success. We had many well-attended events for alumni throughout the weekend. The All-alumni Reunion after the football game was a big success, and we plan to continue that event next year. The student event on Saturday evening was also a success. Thanks again to all who made the weekend a great experience.

University Advisory Council. The UAC has met a couple of times this semester and several topics were discussed, including the proposed advising mission and values statement, the budget process and parking recommendations. As a follow-up to some of those discussions, we will be gathering additional parking data and scheduling open meetings to discuss this year's budget and the budgeting process. I think bringing the governance groups together on a regular basis, which the UAC does, continues to help our campus communications.

College of Education Grant. As you may have heard, the College of Education was awarded a grant of more than \$4 million to support our efforts in teacher education. We will be partnering with school districts in Garrett and Frederick counties and reaching out to students interested in our MAT program to address teaching needs in Maryland. Congratulations to those faculty and staff who put this proposal together. It certainly highlights the role we play in education throughout the region and this state.

High Impact Practices (HIPs). We know that HIPs are something that employers want from our students and are clearly related to student success. These HIPs include study abroad, study away and international/national internship opportunities. The Study Abroad and International Fair is Oct. 22, and there are info sessions about the [National Student Exchange](#) today at 3:30 (Pullen 110) and again on 10/21, which offer experiences elsewhere in this country. Visit the Career and Professional Development Center in Pullen Hall, which also offers information about internship placements (including Washington Center, Disney College and Global Experiences).

FSU-Related Things to Do Locally. The Department of Theatre's production, *Alabama Story*, continues this weekend. The Percussion Ensemble performs tonight and Joseph Yungen is featured in a faculty piano recital on Oct 20. There are two CES events coming up. An Evening with Jo Dee Messina is this Saturday and Derek Brown performs with FSU jazz faculty on Oct. 24. (Event info [here](#).) If you are in Cumberland, be sure to view Artistic Echoes: FSU Visual Arts Faculty and Student Exhibition at the Allegany County Arts Council's Saville Gallery, 9 N. Centre Street.

U.S. Rep. Elijah Cummings. Finally, I wanted to express my sadness at hearing of the death of civil rights leader and U.S. Rep. Elijah Cummings. He was someone I admired, and he was a great public servant for people of Maryland and for the nation. I join with [Chancellor Caret and Board of Regents Chair Linda](#)

[Gooden](#) in expressing gratitude for his years of advocacy for higher education and service to the nation. We send our deepest condolences to his loved ones.

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