

Provost's Announcements to the Faculty Senate October 25, 2022

- 1. The Transfer with Success Act** became law in 2021 and regulates the manner and basis for which courses are transferred among institutions of higher education (IHEs) in Maryland. Given the impacts of this legislation on IHEs and SU in particular, I will be reviewing this legislation and its implementation with various groups including the Faculty Senate's Long-Range Academic Planning Committee. **FS Action Requested: Happy to take any questions or feedback.**
- 2. Blueprint for Maryland's Future:** As described on the Maryland State Department of Education's [website](#), the Blueprint legislation includes comprehensive changes to Maryland's early childhood programs and public schools and increases education funding by \$3.8B each year for the next 10 years. The Blueprint is comprised of five pillars: 1) early childhood education; 2) high quality and diverse teachers and leaders; 3) college and career readiness; 4) more resources to ensure that all students are successful; and 5) governance and accountability. The Blueprint will impact and engage IHEs through its effect on pathways to baccalaureate programs, teacher/education leader programs, and, most broadly, the K-12 public educational experiences of Marylanders. Given the potential impacts on IHEs and SU in particular, I will be reviewing this legislation and its implementation with various groups including the Faculty Senate's Long-Range Academic Planning Committee. **FS Action Requested: Happy to take any questions or feedback.**
- 3. Center for the Advancement of Faculty Excellence webpage launched:** As mentioned last month, Jessica Clark (Assistant Provost for Faculty Success), Instructional Design & Delivery staff, and several others launched the [CAFÉ webpage](#) which includes resources on Teaching & Pedagogy, Research & Scholarship, Professional Development, Personal Wellness, the Faculty Handbook, NCFDD, Mosaic Mentoring, upcoming events of interest, and other topics. I hope you have had a chance to check it out and give any feedback. **FS Action Requested: Happy to take any questions or feedback.**
- 4. Faculty COLA:** Guidance from Human Resources should be going out this week regarding a 4.5% COLA for eligible faculty. **FS Action Requested: Happy to take any questions or feedback.**
- 5. General Education Faculty Development Opportunity:** A "Geneduary" event is being planned for early January (tentatively 1/6/23). The event will support faculty new to the gen ed course revision/development process as well as those who were part of the May, 2022 cohort. Information will be forthcoming in our First Monday email for November. **FS Action Requested: Happy to take any questions or feedback.**
- 6. Public Health Questions & Answers:** We continue to monitor COVID-19. Please note, the [Covid-19 webpage](#) is no longer on the top of the University website but is available as the first quick link on the [SU Employee Homepage](#). **FS Action Requested: Happy to take any questions or feedback.**