

Provost's Announcements to the Faculty Senate November 22, 2022

- 1. Commencement Ceremonies** will be held on December 21, 2022. An invitation to faculty went out on 11/18/22 requesting their participation in this important moment in the lives of our students and their families. My thanks in advance for attending (Fulton and Henson in the morning; CHHS, Perdue and Seidel in the afternoon). The Fall 2022 ceremonies will be a mix of traditional commencement exercises and the more personal touch of our recent Grad Walks (gathering and photo opportunities in the Midway Room after the ceremonies). **FS Action Requested: Happy to take any questions or feedback.**
- 2. Ward Museum:** The Ward Museum of Wildfowl Art has served our community for more than 50 years and has been in its current location on Shumaker Pond for 30 years. The current building that houses the Ward Museum and collection has several failing elements including HVAC, building envelope, stormwater management, etc. Because repairs to these systems would require several million dollars, the University is working with the Ward Museum Board and leadership on finding alternative space in Downtown Salisbury. I will keep the Faculty Senate apprised of the Ward Museum's transition to new space which is expected to be completed this summer. **FS Action Requested: Happy to take any questions or feedback.**
- 3. USM Board of Regents Faculty Awards:** Thanks to Chair Randy Groth and other members of the Faculty Senate's Faculty Awards & Recognition Committee as well as to the five nominees for the 2022-2023 BOR Faculty Excellence Awards. We should know the outcomes in mid-Spring, 2023. **FS Action Requested: None, informational item.**
- 4. Middle States Re-Accreditation:** As mentioned last time, the University is preparing for our next accreditation cycle with the Middle States Commission on Higher Education (MSCHE). The [accreditation process](#) revolves around seven standards and fifteen Requirements of Affiliation. As will be discussed by FS President Martin, we are seeking representatives to five Working Groups that align with our current strategic plan and incorporate Middle States' Requirements of Affiliation (objectives from Goal 5 of SU's Strategic Plan are crosscutting and will be woven into various Working Groups):

 - **Working Group 1:** Enrich Academic Success and Student Development
 - **Working Group 2:** Inspire a Campus Culture of Inclusive Excellence, Support & Collaboration
 - **Working Group 3:** Support Access, Affordability and Academic Excellence
 - **Working Group 4:** Deepening Engagement with Our Community
 - **Working Group 5:** Middle States' [Requirements of Affiliation](#)

FS Action Requested: Happy to take any questions or feedback.
- 5. GenEduary:** We look forward to many faculty participating in General Education course development workshops on January 6 and/or January 20, 2023. If those dates are not workable for faculty who are interested in learning more about developing or aligning

courses for the new General Education curriculum, they should consult the [GEOC website](#) or consider attending an [ID&D workshop on course mapping](#). See the I email sent on 11/16/22 for more information. **FS Action Requested: Happy to take any questions or feedback.**

- 6. Provost's Retirement:** As noted in my 11/15/22 email, it's truly been the honor of my professional career to serve as Provost at Salisbury University. In the upcoming months, I will remain focused on several projects including strategies to best support student learning and success; preparing for the launch of our revised Gen Ed; facilitating equity in faculty careers and supporting faculty development and well-being more generally; responding major State initiatives like the [Blueprint](#) and Transfer with Success Act; and of course, preparing for our Middle States reaffirmation. As Provost, I've appreciated the opportunity to work closely with the Faculty Senate and your council and support as we navigated some very choppy waters and celebrated so many achievements. **FS Action Requested: None, informational item.**