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WEEKLY UPDATE APRIL 23, 2018

A MESSAGE FROM INTERIM REGIONAL CHANCELLOR MARTIN TADLOCK

Welcome to Monday! As we move into the last two weeks of the academic year, I encourage everyone to support our students during this stressful time of final exams and the ambiguous future that some face as they leave USFSP. This is a critical time to be unified in showing our support of them. If you can attend some of the activities this week, do it. If you can attend commencement, do it. Students notice and appreciate it when faculty and staff show up.

Since we are close to the end of the academic year, I am not going to review last week. Instead, I’d like to attach the slide set – Who We Are & Who We Will Be – that shares a few priorities from this past academic year, some major accomplishments and key themes that we believe represent USFSP’s distinctiveness. Thank you for the suggestions, questions and comments that helped move this draft to where it currently is… still a draft, but more mature than the earlier one.

Also, the USF System has put together a Consolidation Task Force Website to provide current and ongoing information related to the consolidation process.

On the site you will find information regarding the goals and objectives of the Task Force, members and upcoming meetings, timeline and a FAQ. I recommend using this site as a valuable resource to keep informed about the consolidation process as it moves ahead.

Below also find a link to a canvas site we have established at USFSP for all faculty and staff. The site will contain all possible information regarding the accreditation consolidation and provide a place for comment/feedback. I encourage you to log in and sign on.

Upcoming

My week will include a System Strategic Planning and ACEAC (BOT committee) meeting, individual briefings with each campus board member, Pinellas County Superintendents Round Table, evening events with various student and community groups, the first meeting of the Consolidation Task Force and individual standing meetings.
scattered throughout the week.

What will yours include?

Here are a few things coming your way to consider:

A panel discussion and Q&A on Accessing Climate Resilience through Community Engagement in the Tampa Bay region will take place today at 2 p.m. in Harbor Hall community room. The talk will focus on mapping biophysical and social vulnerability, climate impacts in diverse communities and visualizing climate features in the region.

Professor Dr. Blerim Reka is visiting USF St. Petersburg from Skopje, Macedonia to sign a Memorandum of Understanding between South East European University (SEEU) and USF St. Petersburg. The signing happens April 24 at 4 p.m. in Bayboro 205. The following day, come out to Harbor Hall community room at 2:30 p.m. to hear Dr. Reka discuss Geopolitics of the Balkans: Between the West and Russia. Dr. Reka is Pro-Rector for International Relations at SEEU and has been involved in constitutional and legal drafting in Macedonia and Kosovo as a member of the Constitutional Committee of Parliament of the Republic of Macedonia.

The first Consolidation Task Force Meeting takes place at USFSP on April 25 from 4-6 p.m. in the Harbor Hall community room.

On April 26, our Deans will engage in a Panel Conversation from 3:30-4:30 pm in the Lynn Pippenger Hall Fourth Floor Reception Area. Come and learn more about leadership and the life of a dean from Dr. Frank Biafora, Cathi Cardwell, Dr. Sridhar Sundaram and Dr. Allyson Watson.

Don’t miss the Graphic Design Senior Show of our USFSP students at the Studio@620 Friday night. Seniors in our graphic design program will be presenting their work focusing on activist responses to social issues. Come out to the exhibit beginning at 5:30 p.m.

Pinellas County Schools is hosting its 5th annual STEM Expo on our campus this Saturday from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. The event will showcase STEM engineering design projects completed by more than 4,600 students representing 98 schools. Participants will also get to tour our beautiful campus while here.

Have a great week!