

## **MSU Faculty and Staff:**

In an effort to keep you updated I wanted to provide you with a few of the highpoints from yesterday's Board of Regents meeting.

### University Facilities:

The Board approved the razing of six campus buildings. The buildings are the structures that house the Center for Regional Engagement, Communications and Marketing, Alumni and Development, Honors, Career Services, and the International House. Each of these properties were purchased by MSU over time and were nice strategic purchases of contiguous property to the main campus. However, many of the homes are in need of repair, and can be somewhat costly to maintain from a utility, maintenance, and upkeep perspective. Currently, we have a plan in which each of these units will move into the existing footprint of the University's main buildings, and thus reduce our maintenance and operational costs. We will be working with the units over the next week or two to get that momentum moving forward and this will extend into the months ahead. Ultimately, this will help slenderize our campus, and the affected areas will be repurposed into nice greenspace. With the removal of these buildings, the opening of the "Rock" in October, and the opening of ADUC next summer/fall – our campus will look very different (and very nice) from a physical facilities perspective as we enter the Fall of 2018.

### Repositioning of the Budget Moving Forward:

The Board also approved a 'statement' (attached) which charges the University administration with moving forward quickly in our strategic planning process, and also with repositioning our current year budget to meet the demands of our University moving forward. The strategic planning process is set to come to a close on December 1 when the four respective teams submit their recommendations. In the meantime, we will be evaluating the current year, and future budget for 2018-2019, with respect to how we position the University for the future. This, coupled with our facility movements and new building openings, will be a transformational process for our campus and will attempt to focus us on our future needs around performance funding, reputation, scholarship, programmatic areas of growth, and in pushing forward the results of our strategic plan. To keep our campus updated we will be meeting with our constituency group leaders as the discussions take place, and we will be scheduling several campus sessions in the weeks ahead.

Many thanks and please consider attending one or more of the events scheduled for this weekend, including the MSU Browning Orchard Festival this Sunday.

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President