
[FacultyStaff] Message from President Stephen H. Kolison, Jr., March 28, 2024

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Dear Students,

Happy Thursday evening!

Let me begin by expressing my thanks and appreciation for the Students and Administrators Town Hall meeting last night. Many thanks to the Student Association and Students for Fredonia leaders for organizing the opportunity for us to get together and discuss the many concerns brought about by the decision to deactivate 13 of our programs. I appreciate the questions submitted prior to the Town Hall and the additional questions that were asked during the session. I am also appreciative of the comments and suggestions made during the meeting. I want to thank all the students, as well as the faculty, staff, and my colleagues who were able to find time to be present. The conversation was difficult at times. However, it was handled with respect and with the common interest of doing what is best for our institution. Thank you all again for this opportunity. You have my commitment that we will continue working on strengthening communications.

As I indicated in the meeting, during the COVID pandemic, I communicated with all students on a weekly basis. At the end of the pandemic, I ended those weekly

communications because I felt that students could use a break from my email messages. Upon reflection, and based on feedback from students, I may have ended that effort too soon. Hence, I will go back to writing to you again about matters pertaining to our university at least twice a month. Also, we will continue working with SA to find additional opportunities to connect.

For today's update, I have just two things that I want to share with you below.

Eclipse

As you have seen in messages from Marketing and Communications, we are gearing up to observe the eclipse on April 8, 2024. This is a once-in-a-lifetime event and many activities have been planned for our campus. I look forward to seeing you at the activities planned for that day. [Please visit the eclipse site here for more information.](#)

International Business Analytics Conference

The School of Business will be hosting its first International Business Analytics Conference Friday and Saturday, May 3-4. This conference is open to all SUNY Fredonia students, faculty, and staff, regardless of major or department, and it is a unique opportunity to connect academic and industry experts in business and data analytics to enhance collaboration and facilitate discussions about this rapidly evolving world. Please see [more information and registration instructions on the website here.](#)

Thank you for taking time to read this update. If you are leaving campus for the long weekend, have safe travels.

Very truly yours,
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Stephen H. Kolison, Jr., Ph.D.
President and Professor

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