

MEMORANDUM

TO: University Faculty Council

FROM: Troy Paino, President 

DATE: November 7, 2024

RE: President's Report

November is a busy month on campus and a critical time in the student recruitment cycle. Early action and early decision deadlines are in November, and recent trends predict that UMW will receive 60-70% of first-year applications by the end of the month. Thank you for all you do to help recruit students to UMW, including representing your departments and disciplines at open houses.

November's Board of Visitors (BOV) meeting included presentations and discussions on a variety of important topics, including a look at the cost to educate a student by academic program using the Delaware Cost Study, how campus recreation contributes to student engagement, a quarterly budget report, and approval of the Comprehensive Campus Buildings and Space Planning report. The newly established Health & Human Development Ad Hoc Committee also met for the first time to support the development and advancement of new degree programs in health and human development.

Finally, several capital projects are ongoing. The two critical life safety issues, Simpson Library masonry repairs and Monroe Hall roof replacement, as well as the Goolrick pool project, are the most urgent. As to Simpson Library, the construction manager has mobilized on site and will begin work this month with completion targeted for March 2025. Fortunately, work in the stair towers will not impact operations and occupancy. The Monroe roof repair is ongoing, but completion is largely dependent on factors beyond UMW's control. Either partial or full occupancy is targeted for January 2025, but delays are still possible, so contingencies have been made. Work on the Goolrick pool is ongoing with the goal of obtaining a use permit before the start of spring semester.

Thank you for all you do for our students, and I wish everyone a restful and relaxing Thanksgiving Break.