Provost Perspectives
A newsletter from the Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs

This season, as we near the end of the legislative session, I am reminded of the importance of focusing on well-being – not just for ourselves, but for everyone in our University of Utah community. We are a resilient bunch, inspired by our commitment to the meaningful mission of education, but even the most stalwart need time to recover and recharge. While we relentlessly work toward the success of all of our students and the support of our faculty to advance our research and impact, I am mindful of the power of self-care. As spring break approaches, I hope you are able to take some time for renewal in ways that are beneficial to you — whether it is connecting with friends or family, enjoying some time in nature, or learning something new.

If you are looking for community connections, the Office for Faculty maintains a list of affinity groups that meet regularly for social and professional connection. Continuing Education offers courses that provide enriching learning opportunities, and the Employee Assistance Program offers mental health support through Blomquist Hale. As we reach out to support each other we will build relationships that can weather whatever storms may come.

- Mitzi M. Montoya
As leaders at the U, we are committed to student success and well-being. Today, the Office of Student Affairs is hosting a State of Wellness and Mental Health Town Hall to gain deeper insights into the needs of our students and existing health and wellness services. Register for the virtual session or attend in person at 1 p.m. in the Union Ballroom.

Registration for the 2nd Annual Campus Safety Summit is now open. The two-day event will convene campus communities from across the country to discuss shared challenges in creating safe environment for students, staff, faculty, patients and visitors. Visit the link below to register and learn more about the presenters and discussion topics.

Truth in Tuition taking place March 13
The annual Truth in Tuition hearing is scheduled to take place on March 13 from 3-5 p.m. The meeting will be virtual, and members of the community are invited to attend. To register for the event, visit the link below. More information will be shared after the higher education budget is determined at the close of the 2024 General Legislative Session.

New FAQs regarding campus guidance
Several new laws adopted during the 2024 General Legislative Session will impact the University of Utah. University leaders have developed several FAQs with guidance for campus. The documents will be updated as we learn more.
Coffee, Cocoa and Tea with the Provost

In response to current questions on campus, I am hosting a series of visits to connect with faculty. These sessions, scheduled over the next several weeks, are small-group meetings intended to create an opportunity for open discussion and listening. After our first productive and insightful session last week, I look forward to further discussions in the coming days.

Marriott Library welcomes new collections

The Marriott Library has four new collections available campus-wide. The collections include a monthly journal dedicated to publishing the most significant research on climate change, the Elsevier ScienceDirect All-Access subscription, civil rights records from the Ford and Reagan presidencies, and conference proceedings from the American Society of Mechanical Engineers.

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