



## A MESSAGE FROM INTERIM REGIONAL CHANCELLOR MARTIN TADLOCK



*October 2, 2017*

Good morning, USF St. Petersburg!

As we mentioned last week, we will be sharing a weekly update with you. This is an opportunity to tell you about some of the things happening on our campus, in addition to what you may read in our newsletter publications. If there is information you'd like us to consider for future updates, please feel free to send it to me or [Jessica Blais](#).

### ACCOMPLISHMENTS

We continue to invest in the campus, using one-time, or non-recurring, funds. Below is a list of some of these investments. As you see, we are dedicated to enhancing facilities through remodeling, upgrades and new infrastructure this year and next. You may experience some inconvenience at times as this work takes place. Please be patient as the results will further improve our beautiful campus.

- Creation of Campus Wayfinding System
- COE STEM Virtual Learning Lab
- Campus Computing Equipment Refresh
- Poynter Library Vault Compact Shelving
- Student Affairs Mobility Equipment (SDS)
- Student Affairs Student Ombuds Training

Human Resources Equipment (TV, laptop, tablets)

- University Advancement Contracts (website, publications)
- Additional Student Employment
- Health and Safety Improvements to Campus Sidewalks
- Poynter Library Reroof and Air Handlers
- Harbor Hall Reroof and Air Handlers
- Davis Hall Reroof and Air Handlers
- Coquina Hall Reroof and Air Handlers
- Bayboro Hall Reroof and Air Handlers
- Student Life Center Reroof
- Warehouse Labs Chiller Replacement

## **ONGOING ACTIVITIES**

- We will continue the process of vetting plans for the remodeling of Davis Hall. This is a significant investment of over \$5 million during the next 2-3 year period of time. We will continue to report out on our progress.
- Our new University Awareness series kicked off last week with the spotlight on Academic Affairs. The series continues monthly, and if you couldn't attend the first event but are interested in attending future ones, watch for information or contact Kathleen Gibson-Dee, who is coordinating the series.

## **OPPORTUNITIES**

- USF System President Judy Genshaft will be at USFSP on Friday afternoon to host open forums for faculty, staff and students. She'll meet with faculty and staff at 3:15 p.m. and with students at 4:00 p.m. The forums will be held in the USC Ballroom.
- The Initiative on Coastal Adaptation and Resilience (iCAR) Conference is this week and has an outstanding array of speakers. I hope you'll make time to attend this timely, two-day event.
- Our Celebration of Majors events begin on Tuesday and include an ice cream social on Wednesday. Faculty, staff and students are invited to join us for ice cream beginning at 1:00 p.m. at the USC. For more, visit [usfsp.edu/mc17](https://www.usfsp.edu/mc17)

Come join us for all USFSP has to offer this week and as the semester progresses. Enjoy your week!

*Dr. Martin Tadlock*  
*Interim Regional Chancellor*

*September 20, 2017*

We live in a time of change in education and in society in general. Sometimes we can anticipate those changes, other times we cannot. Regardless, as a community we weather those changes, we serve our students, we serve our region and we rely upon each other to grow personally and professionally.

With the change in leadership at USF St. Petersburg, please keep in mind that our success as a university is measured by the success of our students, and the success of our students is dependent upon how well we function as a community of faculty, staff and administration. After 36 years in education, I have seen time after time that the success of a middle school, high school, college or university is dependent upon those who dedicate themselves to the success of others. Our success is rooted in the work of many people here.

USFSP has accomplished a lot over the last few years and we must continue to build on that good work, which includes:

- Our freshmen continue to tell us that USFSP was their first choice. Our retention and graduation rates are on the rise. Our fall-to-fall academic progress rate jumped by 10 percentage points and retention is currently up about 6 percentage points.
- USFSP remains in the Top 25 Southern Regional Public Universities, as ranked by U.S. News & World Report, and we moved up six spots among all public and private regional universities in the south from the previous year.
- Earlier this summer we earned a coveted Silver rating from the Association for the Advancement for Sustainability in Higher Education.
- We are entering into renewal of national accreditation for our Carnegie classification for Community Engagement. While the Kate Tiedemann College of Business is preparing for reaccreditation of its business and accounting programs by AACSB International; and
- We will continue to move forward to gain final approvals for our new residence hall and extensive renovations are planned for Davis Hall. Overall, we will continue to look for opportunities to acquire additional space to accommodate growth.

As we move forward, our relationships with partners in the community will become that much more important. At USFSP, our students have unique opportunities to engage in experiential learning, whether that's participating in research, internships, civic engagement or study abroad. Ensuring these opportunities can differentiate us from the pack.

At the end of the day, we are all here to ensure that this university is an incredible place and experience for students to realize their dreams – and for each of us to grow as mentors and leaders. We have institutional plans and priorities that will remain in place and that will continue to move us forward. We have hard-working, dedicated staff who love this place, incredible researchers, outstanding teachers, and administrators who are here to serve and help others be successful. We will continue to work closely to fulfill our goals in new strategic plans for Academic Affairs, Student Affairs, the Nelson Poynter Library and our Diversity office. We have the support of President Genshaft and others in the USF System to continue to mature and flourish as a separately accredited regional university with a distinctive identity within the USF System. While humbled to serve in this interim role, I appreciate President Genshaft's confidence in all of us to build upon the incredible progress we have made here at USFSP.

*Dr. Martin Tadlock*

*Interim Regional Chancellor*



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