

# President's Memorandum to Faculty and Staff

Office of the President  
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## Unit Action Plan Presentations

On Feb. 5 and 6, we will have our annual Unit Action Plan presentations in the Founders' Room in the Rankin Center. I look forward to seeing many of you there. While these planning sessions are always important, this year the process is especially so. The state's economy has yet to lift itself out of its downturn, causing funding for higher education in Michigan to remain stagnant. Because of this, making sure we have the right priorities and planning to maximize the resources we have is essential.

You are invited and encouraged to attend. Here is the schedule for these two days.

### Feb. 5, 2008 - Planning Presentations in Founders' Room:

#### Academic Affairs:

Optometry	12:00 p.m.
Allied Health Sciences	12:20
Education & Human Services	12:40
Technology	1:00
Arts & Sciences	1:25
Pharmacy	1:45
Business	2:05
University College	2:25
UCEL - FSU-GR	2:50
FLITE	3:10
FCTL	3:35
Charter Schools	3:45
On-line Learning	3:55
Grants	4:05
Academic Affairs	4:20

### Feb. 6, 2008 - Planning Presentations in Founders' Room:

8:00 a.m.	Administration & Finance
9:00	Student Affairs
10:00	University Advancement & Marketing
11:00	Diversity Office
12:00p.m.	Kendall College of Art & Design
1:00	General Counsel/Governmental Relations

This year, the process is taking place earlier in the year to accommodate our Strategic Planning process; however, it also allows extra time for departments to best institute any new projects as well as see how existing responsibilities can be met most efficiently. My thanks to everyone who works so hard to make the UAP process a success.

### **Public Safety Agreement**

Recently we reached a tentative agreement with our POLC I union, which covers our public safety officers; we completed work on the supervisors' contract earlier this year. Our public safety officers play a vital role in making the University an environment that is conducive to living, working, teaching and learning. My thanks to everyone whose hard work resulted in this new agreement.

### **Allied Health News**

I want to congratulate Ellen Haneline, who has been recommended by our search committee and has accepted our invitation to become the dean of the College of Allied Health. Dean Haneline has done outstanding work heading up Allied Health on an interim basis and was strongly supported by the faculty and staff in the college.

Other good news in Allied Health is that the National League for Nursing Accreditation Commission's Evaluation and Review Panel has recommended the Master of Science in Nursing degree for full initial accreditation.

### **Wintry Weather**

Finally, I want to offer special thanks on behalf of the entire University to employees of our physical plant who do such a remarkable job keeping our sidewalks and roads clear under truly difficult conditions. We have recently experienced a stretch of particularly bad weather for our grounds people who, as always, dealt with the inclement conditions with great professionalism and dedication.

With Punxsutawney Phil having seen his shadow on Groundhog Day, tradition (and experience) says we are in for six more weeks of winter. While we wait for spring, we can conserve energy and make our custodial staff's job a little easier with a few simple actions, such as cleaning off our boots and shoes when entering buildings and not using the handicap-friendly power-assist door openers unless necessary.

Winter can be a challenging time of year for all of us. Providing the best educational environment possible is a hard job in the best of times, and struggling against the elements is an additional challenge. Thank you for rising to that challenge.

Sincerely,

David L. Eisler  
President