Talking Points:

- The Sustainable Financial Working Group membership has been announced last week by the President’s Office. They are expecting to begin their work in October. Other future working groups include Sustainable Athletics Model, Enrollment Management, Student Experience, ICCU Arena, CAFÉ, and Online Education.

- The recommendation by the Benefit Advisory Group (BAG) to eliminate coverage for “Other Eligible Adults” (OEA) is in conflict with FSH 3705. Adopting the current plan as recommended by BAG will require repealing FSH 3705. Retaining coverage for OEA will result in significant additional costs for everyone. The open enrollment period is between October 21 and November 1. The Senate is engaging in discussions with Vice President Brian Foisy, who will provide detailed information. Based on those discussions, the Senate will decide how to proceed and potentially go to a vote within the next 2 weeks.

- Vice Provost Hendricks gave a summary of the SBOE request for choosing peer (benchmark) institutions for the purpose of tracking our graduation and retention rates. SBOE sent a list of institutions and their methodology and asked the Senate for feedback to be provided by October 23rd. The task is to identify 10 peer (benchmark) institutions and 3 “aspirational” institutions.

Important Dates:

- First Fall University Faculty Meeting: September 18, 2019, 2:30 p.m.—4:00 p.m., International Ballroom, Bruce Pitman Center.

- “Take back the night”, hosted by the Women Center, September 19, 2019. The rally begins at 7:30 p.m., Ag Sci Auditorium.

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