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Good morning!

A few updates to share this week:

**Dean of Health Sciences:** We interviewed three candidates for the Dean of Health Sciences vacancy last week. Thanks to all of you who participated in the Open Forums and submitted your feedback. The hiring committee will meet this week, and I'm hopeful an announcement can be made by the end of April.

**Industrial Systems Technology Becomes Mechatronics:** In Dr. Higdon's *Notes* yesterday, he mentioned that one of our academic programs is changing its name. Earlier this month, the Curriculum Committee approved a name change for the Industrial Systems Technology (IST) program to Mechatronics. The term Mechatronics is becoming more standard in the industry to describe the mix of robotics and maintenance of automated systems.

**New Degrees & Degree Changes:** OTC has added two new degrees to its program library. The Curriculum Committee also approved a new associate of applied science in Cybersecurity degree, as well as an associate of applied science in Emergency Management. The AAS in Cybersecurity will focus on educating students who wish to work in the field of network security, while the AAS in Emergency Management will help prepare entry-level emergency management professionals and is an entirely online degree. In addition to these program additions, the AAS in Agriculture and the AS in Bioclinical Sciences were both changed to Associate of Arts degrees to aid in better transferability.

Questions? Concerns? You know where to find me!

Have a great week!

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