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Good morning!

Loyal readers of *Provost's Notes* likely sat eagerly watching their inboxes last Monday morning awaiting the latest edition, only to be distraught that it never came. Or perhaps no one noticed. Either way, my apologies. A virus hit me like a ton of bricks last Sunday evening, so I was down for the count for a good part of last week. It also kept me from attending the MCCA Convention – the first one I've missed in 20 years. But thanks to a lot of rest and saltine crackers, I'm now fully recovered and back in the *PN* game.

A few things for your radar this week:

**FUN This Week:** Join me Wednesday (11/15) afternoon at 3 p.m. for another [Faculty Unplug & Network](#). We'll meet in NKM 215 on the Springfield campus. Remember – no agenda, no prep needed. This is just a time to be together, unwind, and enjoy a few snacks.

**At Risk!** – You won't want to miss OTC's fall production, *At Risk!*, presented by the OTC Arts, Design & Humanities department. This comedy, co-written by OTC student Alex Bates, features a 1970s style game show set in present day with a series of quirky contestants and production staff. When people begin dying mysteriously, the producer attempts to keep the show going and protect its ratings without revealing there is a murderer in the house. This family-friendly production will run **November 16-19 in Lincoln Hall 211**. Tickets are FREE, but you will need to [reserve them by visiting this site](#). A huge thank you to Jon Herbert, Theatre instructor, who along with his students, has invested greatly in this project, and Justin Frese, Construction Technology instructor, who has engaged his students to work on the set. What a terrific interdepartmental collaboration!

**Canvas Navigation Standardization Survey** – Thanks to all who have submitted their feedback regarding plans to move toward some type of common navigation for Canvas course sites. If you haven't already done so and you teach using Canvas, please take a few minutes to [complete this short survey](#). The deadline for participation is **November 17, 2023**. As a reminder, this is an initiative of the Academic Excellence task force, which is part of the new [Dream. Plan. Build](#) strategic plan.

**Academic Council Feedback** – Speaking of the strategic plan, we had a great Academic Council meeting on November 2. Council members engaged in an activity related to the work of the Innovation task force. Calie Holden and Misty Tollett led us in an exploration of developing/sharing best practices and what we would like to see out of college development opportunities. Some common themes that emerged were the importance of including *all* employees (including part-time faculty and staff) and having dedicated time to engage with one another. These results echoed the feedback of the [Student Learning Experience Task Force report](#) completed last spring. I'm excited to see what emerges from the Innovation task force group, led by Dr. Dusty Childress, President of OTC Education Centers.

**Veteran's Day Ceremony** – A reminder that all are invited to attend today's Veteran's Day Ceremony at **11 a.m. in the Jared Family Atrium** on the Springfield campus to honor all who have served in the US armed forces. If you are one of them, thank you.

Have a great week!

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