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Good morning!

I hope everyone had a chance to enjoy the beautiful fall weather over the weekend. It was a great reminder of why "'tis a privilege to live in the Ozarks."

With the semester rolling along and plenty happening across the Ozarks Tech system, here are a few updates:

Academic Council Update

Last week, we held our first Academic Council meeting of the new academic year. It was a great meeting with lots of good discussion and feedback from our council members. One big accomplishment was approving **Policy 2.25: Classroom Expectations and Disciplinary Withdrawal**, something we've been working on for quite some time. It's a great step forward, and I'm proud of the collaborative effort that made it happen. The policy now heads to Cabinet and the Board of Trustees for final approval next month.

Student Survey on Program Marketing

This week, we're reaching out to students for their feedback on how we market our academic programs. The goal is to make it easier for students to find the degrees and certificates that interest them, without needing to understand our internal academic divisions. The survey results will help us create meta-majors that are more intuitive on the website and in marketing materials. Let me assure you that this is purely for marketing purposes; there are no planned organizational changes related to these efforts.

Phi Theta Kappa Awareness Week

Get ready for **PTK Awareness Week** from **September 23–27**. You'll see PTK awareness tables daily at the Springfield campus, plus some at other locations. There will also be daily themes and activities, so keep an eye out and encourage your students to join the fun. Please show your support by wearing a PTK t-shirt any day that week. If you don't have one, no worries! Just email ptk@otc.edu or stop by ICE 354 on the Springfield campus to grab one.

And speaking of PTK…late last week, I had the opportunity to meet with two PTK chapter officers to hear their proposal for this year's College Project. Without giving too much away, it's shaping up to be something really exciting. Listening to them share how eager they are to spread the word about the impact community college, especially Ozarks Tech, has had on their lives was a powerful reminder of the good work we do here and the difference we make.

It appears most everyone survived the closure of Lot C on the Springfield campus relatively unscathed. Thanks for your flexibility and patience with students. Hopefully, new parking habits will settle in soon.

Wishing you a great week!

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