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Good morning!

It's hard to believe, but Wednesday marks the midway point of our 16-week semester. Here are some updates as we move further into fall:

Student AI Sessions

According to OTC's Artificial Intelligence Survey, students want to learn more about using generative AI responsibly. In response, the OTC AI Advisory Group is hosting **"Discover AI: An Interactive Learning Session" on October 22 and 23 at 3:00 and 4:30 p.m.** These sessions, available both virtually and in person at the Hamra Library on the Springfield campus, are designed to help students navigate AI responsibly. Please encourage interested students to attend. For more information, see the attached flyer or email online@otc.edu.

Politically Active

We love an educated voter! And to that end, Politically Active is hosting **"Dinner and Democracy" on October 23 at 6 p.m. in Lincoln 211** on the Springfield campus. Please spread the word to your students. OTC's very own Matthew Simpson, who serves on Springfield's city council and as mayor pro tem, will present. Ott's Pasta will be served. See attached flyer for details.

Revamped Website Launch

The Ozarks Tech website is getting a refresh. Later this week, look out for an updated homepage, academic program pages, and a cost calculator. Based on student feedback, academic programs have been organized into meta-majors for a more intuitive experience. As I shared previously, this new website organization is solely for marketing and improved user experience—no organizational changes are involved.

Policy 2.25 Approved

The Board of Trustees has approved Policy 2.25, *Classroom Expectations and Disciplinary Withdrawal*. The policy is now in effect and should be posted to the Policies and Procedures Manual sometime this week. Again, many thanks to the faculty and staff who devoted time over the summer to help craft this policy which is designed to support a productive learning environment for everyone.

RVC Disc Golf

Have you tried the Richwood Valley disc golf course yet? With the cooler weather, it's a great time to check it out. This video takes you through all nine holes of a challenging and fun course.

Wishing you a splendid week!

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