

Good morning, Bobcats.

I was delighted by last week's announcement from the Chancellor and the USM Board of Regents naming [Dr. Shadow Robinson as Frostburg's next president](#).

As I have learned more about Dr. Robinson, it has become clear that he brings not only strong leadership experience and a clear vision for the future, but also a deep appreciation for the values and sense of community that make Frostburg State University so special. I am confident he is the right leader to guide FSU into its next chapter, and I look forward to working closely with him during his transition to Frostburg.

Over the coming weeks, I will work in partnership with Chancellor Perman and Dr. Robinson to schedule a campus visit so that he can be introduced to the FSU community. Details will be shared as plans are finalized.

Throughout this transition, our work will continue uninterrupted, and I remain committed to supporting our faculty and staff as we advance the priorities that matter most to our students and to Frostburg. As Interim President, I am fully engaged in the day-to-day leadership of the University and committed to ensuring a smooth, thoughtful transition in the months ahead. For our students, we recognize that leadership changes can raise questions, and we want to reassure you that classes, services and support will continue as scheduled with our undivided attention on your success and well-being.

Please join me in welcoming Dr. Robinson to Frostburg State University. I have no doubt he will come to appreciate this remarkable community as much as I do.

With FSU pride,

Darlene Brannigan Smith, PhD  
Interim President