

Dear College of Sciences Faculty and Staff:

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I am writing to give you an update on upcoming events as we prepare for the Fall semester.

First, we will have a Welcome Back Lunch for all faculty and staff on Thursday Aug. 25 from 12 - 2. We have had a change of plans for this event. We will start in MGB 102 at 12. President Hemphill will make remarks and take questions for 30 minutes. Then we will proceed out to the pond for a picnic. If the weather does not cooperate, we will set up inside. This event will be a chance to welcome new faculty and staff and reconnect with colleagues. Please see the attached flyer.

Second, freshman convocation will be held on Friday, Aug. 26 at 4 pm at the Chartway arena. Faculty are strongly encouraged to attend. From the Provost's email: "As in years past, a faculty processional will form part of the ceremony. Please wear academic regalia (caps optional) and assemble in the Big Blue Room of the Ted Constant Convocation Center, no later than 3:30 p.m., for the program beginning at 4:00 p.m."

Finally, we will have the College Connection event for new students on Saturday August 27 from 1-3 pm. Students will start out in the departments and then come out to the pond to learn about student groups, resources, and other aspects of the College of Sciences. I hope you will participate and help us welcome new students.

I think it is very important that we emphasize engagement and connection in the coming academic year. In order to maintain a vibrant campus community where faculty, staff, and students thrive, we need to be present. I hope to see you all in person at these and other events this fall.

Best Regards, Gail

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