

Greetings, LSC Community:

Summer session is in full swing and it is nice to see some smiling faces in the hallways. I even spotted our resident bear as I drove in this morning as well.

There is a lot of activity on the main campus right now, with our various projects and upgrades slowly getting accomplished as we wait for materials and equipment. There are upgrades to our facilities going on, and some serious deep cleaning. There are tours, and camps, and groups meeting on campus. There are planning sessions happening, classes, and meetings (zoom and face to face). In short, an almost normal summer.

My sincere thanks to all who are busy working on these various projects.

Some of you have been wondering if LSC will remain open in the event that there is a government shutdown in our future. I am pleased to say an emphatic “yes, we are staying open.” The reason we are able to do this is a change that happened at the legislative level way back in 2012. Some of you will recall that we did have major challenges at that time due to how Minnesota State was allowed to pay our faculty and staff. Back then, we had no local or system control and were forced to close when the government closed.

In 2012, the legislature recognized that this could cause harm to our students and the citizens of Minnesota. They then passed operating language that allows Minnesota State Colleges and Universities the statutory authority to use our reserve funds to continue our operation should there be a state government shutdown. So rest assured, we are covered.

Be well, be safe, find some time to enjoy our sunshiny days.

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