New Academic Year
- We are serving 28,000 students
- I want to thank the faculty for the diligence and attention they bring to supporting the success of the students
- The new first-time, full-time bachelor’s degree seeking students are better prepared than the previous year by about one unit of measure on the ACT
- We welcomed 93 new full-time faculty (37 tenure track, 55 non-tenure track)
- The orientation for new faculty included part-time faculty
- We had a new leadership development workshop for chairs, directors, and deans and their leadership

Enrollment
- Enrollment links to our budgetary circumstances
- As of Monday, our head count was down 6.9% and student credit hours were down 7.4%
- Of that 7.4%...
  - 1.6% is related to having an appropriate drop for non-payment of fees
  - 1.4% is related to the reduction in credit hours
  - 0.5% is related to uniform drop practices implemented last fall
  - 0.7% is related to implementing the Pathways for Student Academic Success
  - 1.3% is related to other new full-time freshman
  - 0.2% is related to part-time freshman
  - 0.7% is related to transfer students
  - 1.0% is related to issues associated with retention and persistence
- 4.2% of the reductions are the result of actions we have taken on our own to improve the outcome of student success

Budget
- FY14 budget was approved with 5% and 8% reductions for academic and academic support units, respectively
  - We are now undertaking a contingency planning exercise to reduce budgets further due to enrollment decline
  - The exercise asks units to plan for an 8% reduction and illustrate the impact on program delivery, support services and infrastructure services to faculty, staff and students
  - The final reductions will not be across the board; they will be strategic, purposeful and will demonstrate a more effective use of available resources
  - This is in preparation for the October Board of Trustees meeting where we will present a revised budget anticipating lowered enrollment in the future
- This year is the first time since 2006 that the nation has experienced a decline in enrollment in higher education

AAUP Tentative Agreement
- A tentative agreement was reached with the Akron AAUP
• We anticipate ratification on September 13th and 16th by AAUP and BOT, respectively

Higher Learning Commission Reaccreditation (2023)
• Focused visit in spring 2015
  o Assessment
    ▪ Dean Midha will work with faculty to develop a learning outcomes assessment system
    ▪ As appropriate, we will use work already done through the Institute for Teaching and Learning
    ▪ It will align with the redesign of our general education curriculum
  o Governance
    ▪ We will continue our positive and effective working relationship with the Akron AAUP
    ▪ We will continue our positive and effective interaction with the Faculty Senate
    ▪ We will demonstrate an implemented University Council that is represented by a broad based constituency of those at the University of Akron
      • The focus will be on long term planning and strategies associated with institutional viability
      • It will be more nimble, responsive and just in time as appropriate
      • We will minimize the overlap between the roles and responsibilities of such a council and the Faculty Senate and the Akron AAUP
      • I presented a possible alternative approach to the University Council on behalf of the Steering Committee of the University Council
      • I understand that you are going to have a discussion about the University Council and I look forward to hearing about the results of those deliberations later today or tomorrow