Colleagues,

On October 17, the Board of Regents will hold their monthly meeting at 3:30 p.m. on our campus in the Northbank Center Ballroom. Earlier that day, at 10:30 a.m., the Regents will also hold an open forum in the UM-Flint Theatre. It is an excellent opportunity for the Regents and President Schlissel to learn more about our campus and the good work of our faculty, staff, and students. I invite you to attend the forum. You can read more about it [here](#).

To ensure the forum hour is most productive and offers a speaking opportunity to many, the Regents will ask community members to address the following three questions, each of which is essential to the long-term success of UM-Flint:

1. Student success is our campus’ highest priority. What can we do to ensure that every student who attends UM-Flint receives an outstanding education, graduates in a timely fashion, and is prepared for life and work?
2. What are some key areas where UM-Flint, UM-Dearborn, and UM-Ann Arbor might work together more closely to mutual advantage in the years ahead?
3. How can we grow our enrollment in a time when state high school student graduate numbers are shrinking?

I encourage you to reflect on these questions and be prepared to share your thoughts and perspectives with the Regents. With the upcoming Higher Learning Commission (HLC) accreditation site visit in November, this forum offers us an opportunity to rethink the alignment of our programs, practices and processes with the expectations of our students and their families, and the region’s social and economic aspirations.

I invite all members of our campus community to attend the forum on October 17. It will start promptly at 10:30 a.m. Giving voice to the issues that are critical to our campus is essential to developing a shared vision and pathway to the future.

Go Blue!

Deba Dutta  
Chancellor