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Dear MSU Faculty,

I hope your Fall semester is off to a great start and that your schedule has found its rhythm. This semester we've had more students persist in their studies at MSU than we've ever had, thanks to the efforts and intentionality of so many on our campus, most especially our faculty. Let's continue to work together to make a positive impact on these students' lives and inspire them to embrace learning and persist in their studies.

A powerful tool to help you connect with students and advisees is **navMSU**. If you have not had an opportunity to use this software to communicate with your students, I encourage you to jump in and give it a try this semester. navMSU makes it easy to communicate with your advisees and students in your classes, efficiently and effectively. The [navMSU website](#) contains user-friendly resources for getting started. I encourage you to consider joining one of the training sessions that will be offered throughout the semester.

If you are concerned about a student, please submit an alert so that the Allen Yarnell Center for Student Success can reach out to the student with additional supports. In addition, don't hesitate to refer students to [tutoring services](#), the [Writing Center](#), the [Math and Stat Center](#) and the many other MSU resources available to help students succeed, some of which are described on the [AYCSS](#) web page and the MSU [Counseling and Psychological Services](#) web page.

Course materials and educational tools are important resources for a student's education. The course materials landscape is becoming increasingly complex with innovations in new products, services, delivery platforms and business models. To help us understand the changing terrain for acquiring course materials, the MSU Bookstore will host several Course Materials Townhall Meetings in the coming weeks to share information and listen to your needs and perspectives. The townhalls are planned as follows:

2:00 pm, Sept. 26, SUB 233: Engineering, Business

2:00 pm, Sept. 27, SUB 233: Letters & Science, Arts & Architecture, EHHD

2:00 pm, Oct. 3, Romney 201: Agriculture, Nursing

2:00 pm, Oct. 4, Romney 201: Graduate School, Honors, Gallatin College

All faculty are encouraged to attend the session for their primary academic unit to learn about current trends and provide feedback.

With the official start of the fall season underway, let's embrace this time with enthusiasm as we inspire our remarkable Bobcat students to learn and thrive.

Best regards,



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PS: Upcoming Events

- Oct. 17, 7:00 pm Eric Boyd, Provost's Distinguished Lecture, MOR
- Oct. 18, 7:00 pm [Anthony Ray Hinton](#), Brick Breeden Fieldhouse
- Oct. 24, 11:30 am [Faculty Symposium](#), Inspiration Hall
- Nov. 14, 7:00 pm Michelle Miley, Provost's Distinguished Lecture, MOR
- Dec. 15, time TBA [Fall Commencement](#), Brick Breeden Fieldhouse

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