



University Council Meeting
Tuesday, August 4, 2026

1. Introductory Announcements

- a. Welcome (Biff Williams)
- b. Hiring Updates
 - i. Mark Danes, Vice President of Marketing & Communications
 - ii. Dr. Brandon Johnson, Associate Provost for Student Success
 - iii. Dr. Magdalena Toda, Dean – CNAS

2. Information

- a. Clifton M. Smart III University Advancement Center (Brent Dunn)
- b. Financial Aid in Transition: Key Changes for 2026-27 (Rob Moore & Matt Brizzi)
- c. DHS Final Rule to End Duration of Status for F and J Students/Scholars (Dawn Medley)

3. Wrap-Up (Biff Williams)



CLIFTON M. SMART III UNIVERSITY ADVANCEMENT CENTER



Division for University Advancement



**THESE BEARS
ARE EXCITED
FOR THE UAC!**

ARE YOU?



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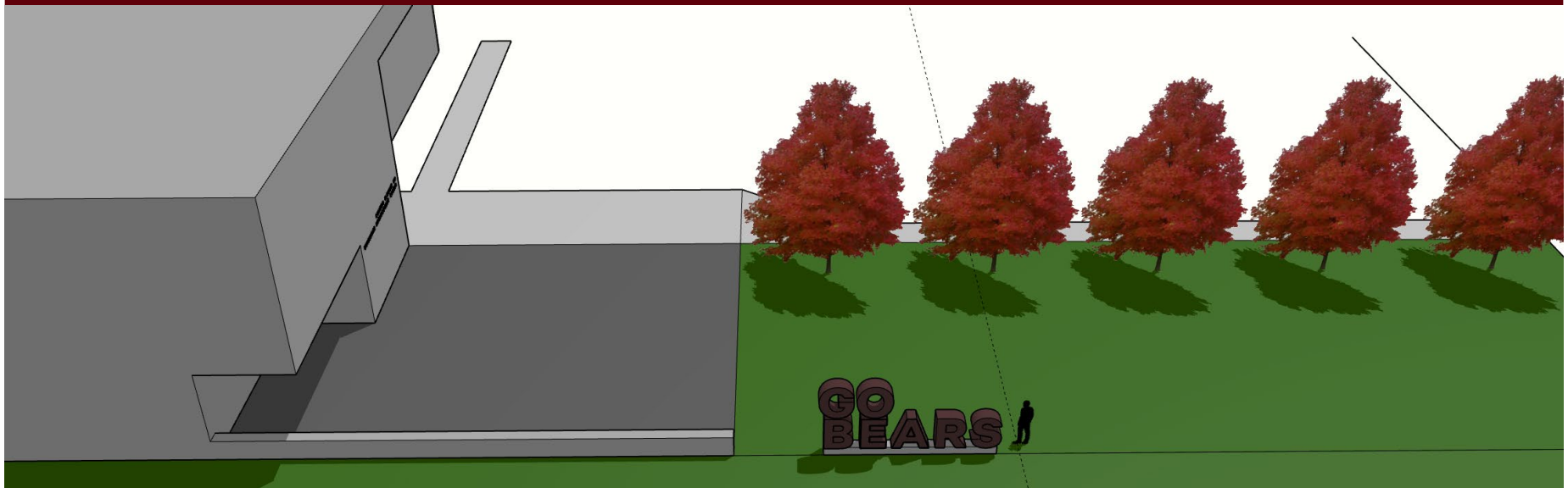
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ENTRANCE**

NORTH ENTRANCE

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**STREET
VIEW**

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HIVE OF BEAR PRIDE

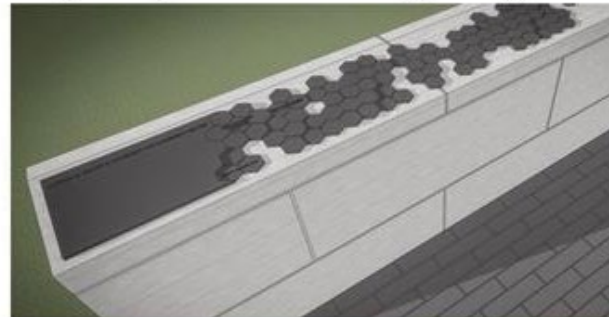
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BRIAN & STEPHANIE SMITH
ELLA, NOLAN & CARSYN

BRENT & JENNIFER DUNN

HERE COME THE BEARS!
JOHN GOODMAN
CLASS OF 1975



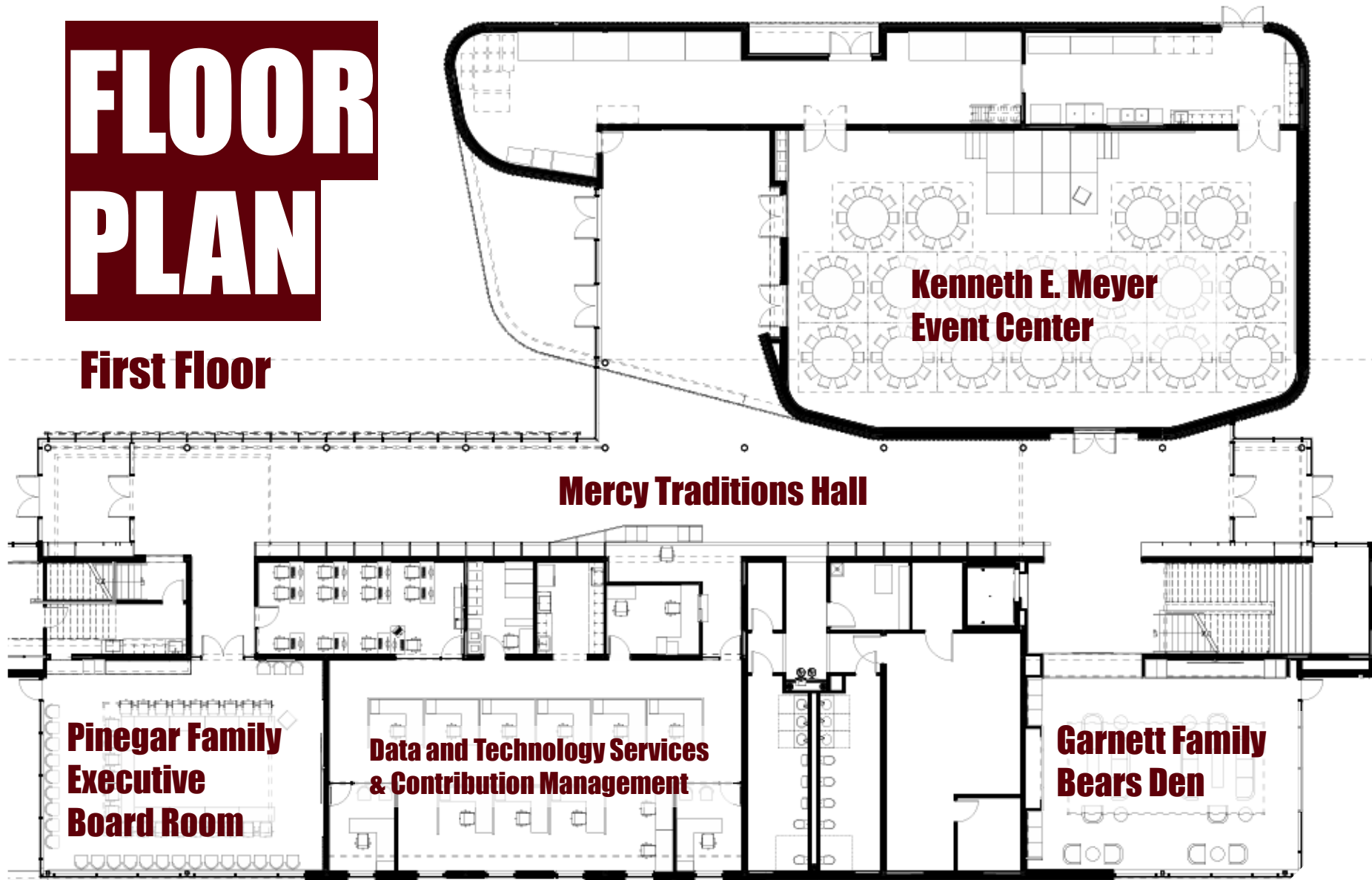
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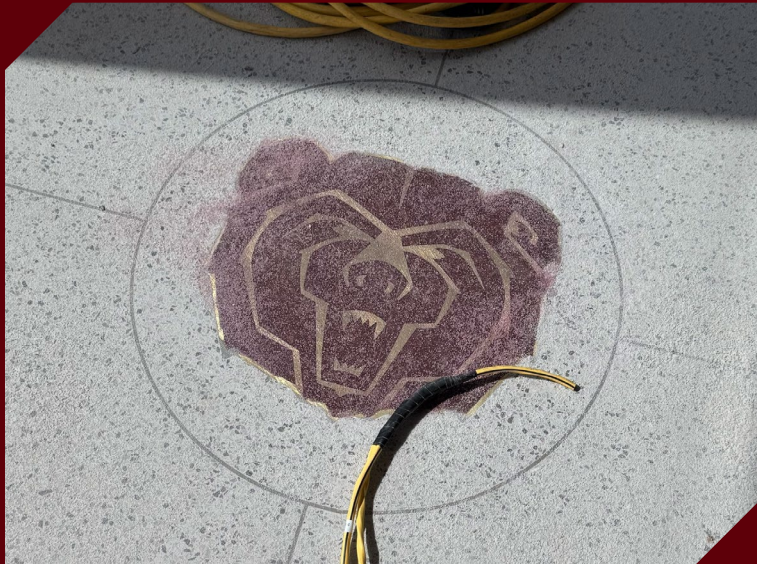
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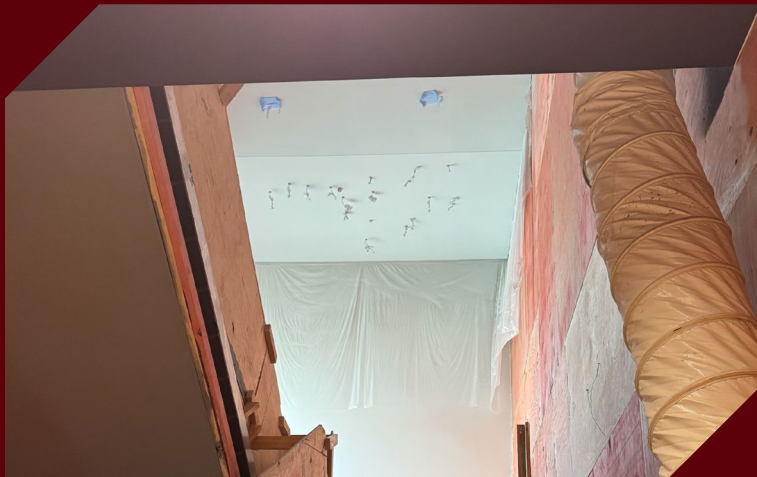
MERCY TRADITIONS HALL





HIDDEN BOOMERS

Think hidden Mickeys, but Mo State style. Some bears are part of the building design, but others will be intentionally hidden in public areas. A QR code will take visitors to an online page where they can learn more and begin their search.





BE PART OF THE GRAND OPENING!

YOUR MISSOURI STATE STORY BELONGS HERE.

The new Mercy Traditions Hall will celebrate the people who make Missouri State special—and we'd love to include you. Share your favorite Missouri State photo for a chance to have it featured on the digital display inside Mercy Traditions Hall during the Center's grand opening and beyond. Whether it's:

- Graduation day
- Homecoming
- A campus tradition
- Your favorite classmates
- A family legacy of Bears
- A championship moment
- A favorite campus memory

Every photo helps tell the story of Bear Nation



GARNETT FAMILY BEARS DEN

SEE THE PROCESS

Our team has been involved in nearly every step of the process when designing this building, down to the very last detail.

This is the foundation of the peeking Bear Head bronze mesh light in the Garnett Family Bears Den.



MSU Grand Piano – Treble View Ebony POPs with custom Red & Bear



12/4/2025

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PINEGAR FAMILY EXECUTIVE BOARDROOM





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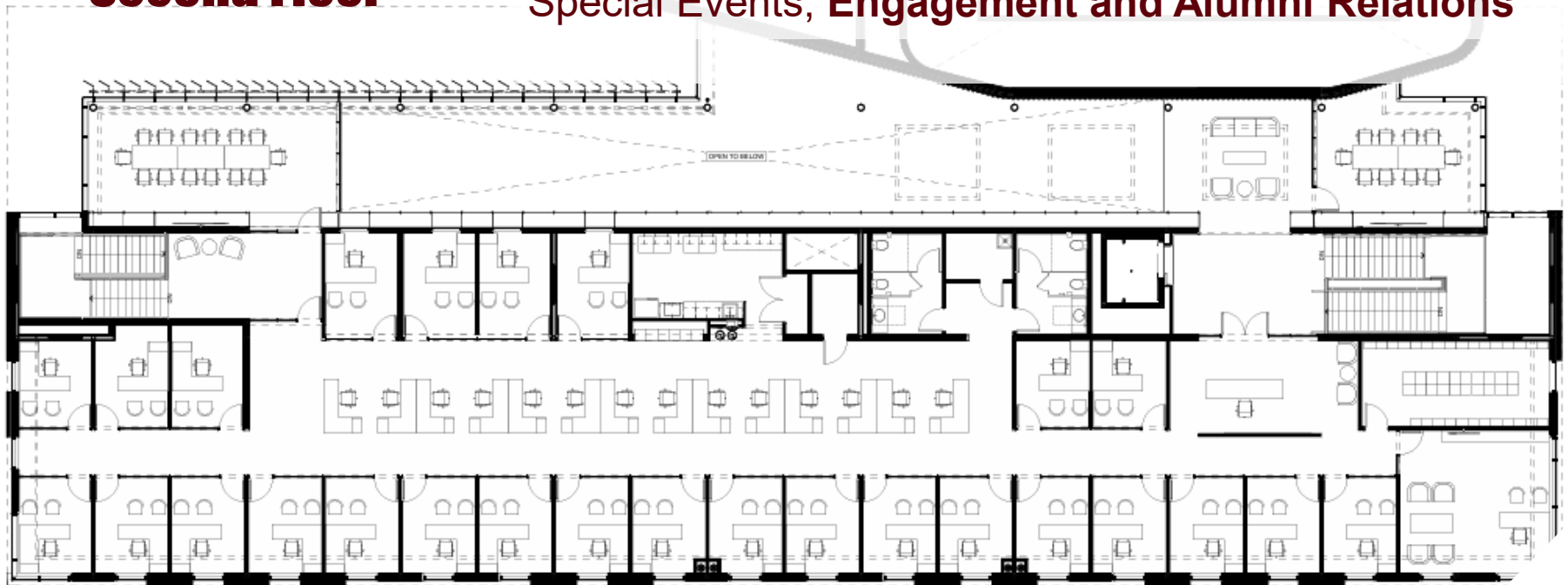
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FLOOR PLAN

Second Floor

Vice President for University Advancement/Missouri State University Foundation President and CEO, Development, Major and Planned Giving, Leadership and Annual Giving, Prospect Management and Research, Foundation and Corporate Relations, Athletics Development/The Bears Fund, University Advancement Relations, University Advancement Communications, Stewardship and Administration, & Special Events, Engagement and Alumni Relations





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Federal Student Aid Changes from OB3



August 4, 2026

Pell Grant Program



Pell Grant Program

- Full COA covered by scholarships/grants
 - Prior to OB3, students could receive non-federal aid up to COA plus a Pell Grant.
 - Now, if non-federal grant/scholarships equal or exceed COA, student is not eligible for a Pell Grant.
 - If grants/scholarships are less than COA, students can receive their max award regardless of remaining COA.
 - Schools are allowed to reduce non-federal grant or scholarship assistance under their control

Pell Grant Program

Student retains Pell Grant

COA	\$20,000
Federal Pell Grant	\$7,395
Institutional Grant	\$10,000
State Grant	\$3,500
Private Scholarship	\$5,000
Total non-federal grants/scholarships	\$18,500
Remaining COA w/o Pell	\$1,500

Student becomes ineligible

COA	\$20,000
Federal Pell Grant	\$7,395
Institutional Grant	\$10,000
State Grant	\$3,500
Private Scholarship	\$6,500
Total non-federal grants/scholarships	\$20,000
Remaining COA w/o Pell	\$0

Direct Loan Schedule of Reduction (SOR)



Schedule of Reductions (SOR)

- Any student who borrows a federal student loan and does not enroll full-time must have their annual loan limits reduced in direct proportion to part-time enrollment level.
- This is applicable to all federal loans assigned to the 26-27 aid year where the student is the borrower.
- Does not apply to Parent PLUS Loans.
- Students must still be enrolled at least half-time and meet all other general eligibility requirements.

SOR Federal Loan Amounts

Fall 2026 Semester

Full-time incoming freshman

Type of Loan	Amount
Subsidized Loan	\$1,750
Unsubsidized Loan	\$1,000
Total	\$2,750

Half-time incoming freshman

Type of Loan	Amount
Subsidized Loan	\$875
Unsubsidized Loan	\$500
Total	\$1,375

HT student receives \$1,375 less than FT student for fall 2026

Timing of Enrollment Changes

- Student's enrollment level is evaluated at the time of disbursement for each payment period.
 - If less-than-full-time (LTFT) enrollment was in place at the time of disbursement, current term loans are reduced.
 - If LTFT enrollment was the result of current term drop/withdrawal, the next term's loans will be reviewed and possibly reduced.
- Beginning 2026-27, all students dropping from full-time to LTFT hours after the start of the term will be notified of the possible impact.

SOR Federal Loan Amounts

Timing of Enrollment Changes

Occurs before fall 2026 disbursement

Enrollment level	Amount
12 hours Fall 2026	\$2,750
Drops to 6 hours Fall 2026	\$1,375
12 hours Spring 2027	\$2,750
18 hours total for academic year	\$4,125

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Participation Verification



Defining Academic Engagement/Participation

- Includes, but is not limited to—
 - Attending a synchronous class, lecture, recitation, or field or laboratory activity, physically or online, where there is an opportunity for interaction between the instructor and students;
 - Submitting an academic assignment;
 - Taking an assessment or an exam;
 - Participating in an interactive tutorial, webinar, or other interactive computer-assisted instruction;
 - Participating in a study group, group project, or an online discussion that is assigned by the institution; or
 - Interacting with an instructor about academic matters

Academic Engagement/Participation is not

- Living in institutional housing;
- Participating in the institution's meal plan;
- Logging into an online class or tutorial without any further participation; or
- Participating in academic counseling or advisement.

Current Practice

- Students receive payments at the beginning of the term based on enrollment.
- Academic Engagement/Participation is not verified until after grades are submitted.
- Results in some fund cancellation and returns.
- Also increases threat of "ghost student" fraud.

New Practice

- Proactive course participation verification will take place at the beginning of the semester.
 - Instructors will verify every student's engagement using instructor portal tool.
 - Verified hours will automatically be reported to Fin Aid for award disbursement purposes.
- Participation verification will take place Friday of the first week of classes.

Benefits

- Students receive financial aid only for verified course participation, significantly reducing retroactive aid adjustments and repayment obligations.
- Improves the accuracy of Title IV aid administration, strengthening regulatory compliance and reducing institutional risk.
- Helps combat the growing threat of financial aid fraud by verifying student engagement before disbursing funds.
- Creates new opportunities to leverage enrollment and participation data for early intervention, student support, and success initiatives.

Implementation Considerations

- Training and change management for instructors and academic departments.
- Timely submission of participation verification to prevent delays in financial aid disbursement.
- Increased administrative workload associated with manual reviews, corrections, and exception processing.
- Accommodation of unique enrollment scenarios, such as second-block courses and other nonstandard scheduling exceptions.

Questions?



Department of Homeland Security Final Rule



End Duration of Status for F and J students and scholars

August 4, 2026

Leading our campus through change

- We recognize changes to federal immigration policy can create uncertainty and stress.
- Our focus is on caring for our students, providing clear information and connecting them with the resources they need.
- We are committed to supporting our international community through every step of this process.

What is Duration of Status (D/S)?

- Students in F or J status have been admitted to the United States since the early 1990s without a fixed end date.
- D/S allowed students to remain in the United States as long as they were making academic progress toward program completion and otherwise maintaining status.

Policy timeline

- Proposed August 2025
- Final rule published July 17, 2026
- **Goes into effect Sept. 15, 2026**

What are the changes?

- Fixed admission periods with max four years for both undergraduate and graduate students
- U.S. Citizenship and Immigrations Services becomes primary approver for extensions, transfers and change of level
- Reduced F-1 grace period from 60 to 30 days
- New limits on academic flexibility and mobility

Impact going forward

Before	After
Institutions established length of time allotted to program of study for incoming F/J students	Fixed admission periods with max four years for both undergrad and graduate students
Authorized university staff to process extensions, transfers and change of level in-house	USCIS becomes primary adjudicator
60-day grace period for F-1 status	Reduced F-1 grace period to 30 days
Flexibility to: • Pursue multiple programs of study, in either direction • COL without extension request • Flexibility to change majors • Flexibility for graduate students to change programs • Transfer ability for all	New limits on academic flexibility and mobility: • No concurrent programs or reverse degree progression • Extensions required for next-degree programs or leave U.S. and return on new I-20 • First-year undergraduate restrictions on majors and transfers • No graduate program or school changes • USCIS extension request required for all OPT

Loss of school functionality and authority

- Students must apply directly to USCIS for:
 - Extensions beyond four years
 - To engage in optional practical training
 - To pursue a higher level of study
 - To transfer, undergraduate only
- Application fee assessed by USCIS for all requests

Ongoing effects

- Current / incoming / future students
 - Increased financial, academic, administrative barriers
- Institution
 - Staffing pain points regarding advisement, processes and student status safeguarding
 - International mobility will continue to shift away from the United States in favor of more accommodating international education markets.
- Online
 - Students who are unable to complete their programs of study in the United States most likely cannot complete them online from outside U.S. due to export control restrictions.

We are committed to helping

Enrollment Management/
International Services and Marcom

Services

Student support and advising

Weekly outreach to students, faculty and staff

Website with robust FAQs and sample scenarios

Faculty support through the office of the provost