

From: Office of the President  
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Subject: Open Forum with President McClure...

Please see the following message from President McClure:

Campus Community:

I want to take this opportunity to invite you to attend one of two open forums that we have planned for Adams State faculty and staff.

The forums will be held in McDaniel Hall, room 101, on Tuesday, March 7th at 10:00 a.m., and again at 4:00 p.m.

The mission of these meetings is quite simple - I am interested in hearing your concerns and engaging in dialogue to move forward and create a healthier, happier environment in which we can feel safe and supported while working together toward our common goal: Serving the students of Adams State University.

I am conscious of the anxiety embedded in our community. These are challenging times for all of us for a variety of reasons, including concerns about HLC, Dr. Gilmer's departure and the overarching stress of local, national and global dynamics. It is imperative to me that you understand I stand for and with you throughout these trying times and beyond. I will work to build bridges and heal whatever wounds may have developed during these last few years and even before I arrived. Undoubtedly, we have hurdles to overcome, but we also have an abundance of strength, energy and talent entrenched in our faculty and staff. Adams State is an institution with a noble history. I honor that legacy and wholeheartedly believe in our mission, as I know you do.

As many of you already know, our faculty held a meeting last week to discuss the issues we are facing and develop consensus around our priorities. I met with several representative members of the faculty on Monday, and they shared some of the themes that came up during their meeting, including:

- The need for more transparency
- Better communication about progress related to HLC
- And, of course, the general restlessness that many feel about the political climate and events

All of these matters affect us, personally and professionally.

Despite trials and tribulations, I want to provide a time and place for us to discuss grievances, fears and new ideas in a safe and open setting. I hope you will join me for one or both of the forums. I am here to listen and address your questions and concerns as best I can.

Thank you for your time, dedication, and continued hard work. I look forward to seeing you soon.