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Colleagues,

There are so many exciting things happening in NOSS right now!

Perhaps you have noticed the change in our communication structure, which focuses on shorter, weekly thematic emails rather than longer once-a-month newsletters. We are trying to be very intentional about the communications we send out to you, and I hope you have been enjoying these new ways to engage.

We have also taken an enormous and positive step in hiring an experienced non-profit attorney to represent NOSS and its interests in things like contract negotiations with the hotels we use for our conferences and events. We believe

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A planning committee has been appointed to explore the creation of a NOSS extended professional development cohort opportunity, and the work has progressed well so far.

It's a great time to be involved with the field of student success! As we know, one of the first things that gets cut when education budget issues arise is professional development. This is such a shame, as quality professional development is an investment that is well worth the cost. This investment pays dividends for years to come in the form of student success, student retention and persistence, and happy faculty and staff members who feel confident in their ability to do their jobs well using the most up-to-date best practices and innovations.

For those of you who still have funds in your budget for this year, consider earmarking those monies for the NOSS 2022 virtual McCabe Conference in September or for the annual [NOSS 2023 Conference](#) in Nashville at the Gaylord Opryland Resort and Convention Center. Urge your leaders to invest in a NOSS institutional membership so that as many as ten professionals at your institution can benefit from the quality professional development that NOSS offers to all of its members. Remember, the field of student success is a wide umbrella under which many different areas fall: instruction, retention, advising, tutoring, veterans' services, ADA, administration, FYE, etc. Please invite your colleagues in all of these areas and more to join us in our mission to assist education professionals in making a positive difference in the lives of students!

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