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Dear Faculty,

Welcome back! I hope you have had a great summer and are all ready for an exciting fall semester.

First of all, I'd like to remind you that our **first Faculty Assembly meeting on September 9** is a **full faculty meeting**, so all faculty members – not just representatives – are encouraged and welcome to attend. Please note that the meeting will take place **in Osborne A327**. Faculty Assembly meetings will take place in many different locations around campus this year; they are all listed on the FA website, and we will do our best to highlight the location before each meeting, but we recommend you pay close attention to it. As usual, the meeting time is 12pm – 2pm.

Below is my first report as 2016-2017 Faculty Assembly president, with several things I would like to bring to your attention.

- **HLC accreditation.** As we prepare for the upcoming HLC visit to our campus (Nov 14-15, 2016), there are some things I would like to point out. First and foremost, we learned that accreditation team members, in visits at other institutions, have perused course schedules and requested provision of randomly selected course syllabi. One of the things that they would be looking for in the syllabi are learning objectives. In light of this information, it is particularly important this semester that faculty members make sure they include learning objectives in each course syllabus, and make their syllabi readily available. Also, I'd like to stress that the schedule of the accreditation team's visit will include a faculty session, and faculty input and contribution will be extremely important.
- **Faculty Dependents' Scholarship Program.** A friendly reminder that the application for the Faculty Dependents' Scholarship Program for Spring 2017 must be submitted online no later than November 1st. All the information along with the application form is available on the FA website link:
<http://www.uccs.edu/facassembly/faculty-dependents-scholarship-program-application.html>
- **Tuition Benefits.** A focus group has been working over the summer on a survey that will help identifying the key components of a pilot project. I will keep you posted with updates throughout the semester, as they become available.

- **Size and Composition of Representative Assembly.** Faculty Assembly is currently reviewing the size of the Representative Assembly, which, according to FA bylaws, should be approximately 5-10% of the Faculty Assembly. The number of college representatives will be revised to account for the growth of the faculty body, maintaining equitable proportional representation among the colleges. Also, in order to ensure an equitable representations of the various areas (Humanities, Social Sciences, and Physical and Natural Sciences) in the College of LAS, some revisions of the ballots and voting procedures are being explored. All these issues will be brought up to Faculty Assembly this Fall, for possible implementation in the next FA elections.
- **Conversations at Clydes'.** We will continue hosting these informal conversations throughout the year. Our first appointment of the semester is scheduled for Monday, September 12th, from 4-6 PM, and it will be hosted by Ann Amicucci, Michelle Dorne and Kacey Ross. I would like to ask college representatives to reach out to faculty members, especially new and junior faculty, in their departments, and encourage them to come. It is a great way for them to get to know FA officers and reps, what we do, and what we can do with them and for them. Please join us for a chance to exchange thoughts, ideas, concerns and more in an informal setting!
- **Parking and Transportation Appeals Board (PTAB).** The PTAB is looking for two faculty members willing to serve on the board. The faculty members would join staff and students reps in dealing with challenges to parking tickets. There is one faculty member currently on the board, but they would like to ensure faculty is adequately represented. If you are interested in serving in this committee, please contact me and/or James Spice (jspice@uccs.edu).

Sincerely,

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