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Dear All,

I hope this message finds you enjoying a stress-free end of the semester and looking forward to a well-deserved winter break. I apologize for the brevity of this report.

First, I wish to extend my sincere appreciation to Dr. David Weiss, President-Elect of Faculty Assembly, for stepping in and running the upcoming FRA meeting this Friday, December 13. My father died unexpectedly last week, and since he was widowed and I am an only child, I am both grieving and heavily mired in taking care of his affairs and estate. I thank the FRA Exec committee and all of you for your understanding of my need to deal with all of this and support my kids, who were very close to him, especially since this is occurring during the holidays. I am therefore on bereavement leave but plan to be back in the saddle after the first of the year at the latest.

Second, thanks to Provost Christensen and all of you who joined the two of us for the campus RPT forums. He shared the PPT show used in those sessions on faculty-l for your reference and we will be developing a resource with the questions asked and associated resources, connected to the work of the newly-formed FRA Task Force on Teaching Evaluation, headed up by David Weiss, as that group gets going, which is happening now.

Third, I want to express my sincere appreciation to all of you for your participation in FRA meetings and lively discussions so far this year, and for asking constructive, important questions that move shared governance forward. Your participation is critical, and I know this takes time. I am personally grateful to you all, and I look forward to rejoining you for our next meeting in the Spring Semester.

Finally, I am still planning to attend Commencement, and know what a joyous occasion this is for us as faculty and what a milestone it is for our students. I look forward to seeing you there and thank you for taking the time to celebrate the reason we are all here- the success of our students.

Thank you again for your understanding of my absence this Friday, and I hope you all have a joyous holiday season.

Sincerely,

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