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Dear Colleagues,

And so we come to the end of one of the most unpredictable and challenging semesters in our history. Thanks again to all of you for your continued efforts on behalf of our faculty, staff, students, institution, and community. As challenging as all this is, we have much to be proud of as scholars, teachers, and members of the University of Colorado System.

Our last Faculty Representative Assembly (FRA) Meeting of the academic year will be held in Teams this Friday, May 8, from 12-2 pm. Among the highlights are a discussion of the campus response, past, present, and future, to the COVID crisis, updates on budget and enrollment, and a substantial amount of time for open Q & A regarding these and other issues. I look forward to seeing you there.

Please note that FRA leadership is and will remain actively engaged with the campus and system administration and other shared governance groups through the Summer, into the Fall semester, and beyond regarding decisions and planning related to the continuing COVID crisis. You can anticipate periodic communications from me and, after July 1, David Weiss, through the Summer, in particular, as we seek faculty input on various issues and keep you informed with relevant information. Please do not hesitate to reach out to me and then David with questions and concerns as they arise.

In addition, I hope you will join me and others for UCCS' Spring Commencement ceremony, scheduled to begin virtually at 1 pm on May 15. A campus-wide video ceremony will be followed by college-specific videos during which faculty are strongly encouraged to "shout out" to graduates in the chat area. Commencement videos can be accessed on May 15 starting at 1 pm through this link: <https://commencement.uccs.edu/>. I hope you can join us in supporting our Spring 2020 Graduates!

Another way to show your support for the #UCCSClassof2020, organized by the UCCS Alumni and Friends Association, is to share a note of congratulations, encouragement, or a piece of advice on the UCCS Class of 2020 Kudoboard: <https://www.kudoboard.com/boards/lpSXDP8g>

Finally, I want to express my gratitude and appreciation to all members of the UCCS FRA, its committees, and the campus administration for having the privilege to serve as FRA President this year. Please join me in welcoming David Weiss to the FRA Presidency, effective July 1!

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