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Dear Colleagues,

I regret that I am unable to join you for the October 2, 2023 meeting of the Faculty Senate. I respectfully submit this written report.

### NCLEX Pass Rates:

The NCLEX pass rates reached 100% for both the ASN and BSN programs. The faculty in the School of Nursing took significant steps to prepare the students for the exams and those efforts clearly paid dividends. They are also offering skills seminars for senior-level students. I welcome other programs to share the outstanding work they are doing to ensure students' academic success so that I can share that work with the broader university community.

### Fourth-week Progress Report Submission:

We had an unprecedented participation rate of 98% of CRNs on 4<sup>th</sup>-week progress reports. These reports give students a realistic sense of their progress and allows for additional outreach to those who are struggling. An impressive 19 departments had a 100% submission rate.

### Midterm Grades Due:

Midterm grades for full-term courses are due no later than 11:59 p.m. on Monday, October 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2023. Please remind your colleagues to submit them by the deadline so that we can match or surpass the participation rate for 4<sup>th</sup>-week progress reports.

### Adjunct Faculty Evaluation Form:

Our accrediting bodies require annual evaluation of adjunct faculty and it is important that such evaluations be more nuanced than a record of student opinion of instruction. Chairs are currently vetting a new (simple!) form. Senator Sheri McGuffin will also provide input to ensure that our adjuncts colleagues are represented. Associate Provost Wies will incorporate feedback into the final version of the form.

### University Committees:

The Slate team is developing an automated process for notifying areas of committee vacancies and ensure that committee membership is published and available to all. Committee staffing for 2023-2024 is in progress and lists will be published when finalized. Faculty will be able to self-nominate for openings that are not pre-determined by college election.

### Work Groups:

Work groups focusing on faculty qualifications and updating syllabus regulation are in progress.

### Provost's Reception:

The next Provost's Reception, preceding the Wind Ensemble and Concert Band concert, will take place on Tuesday, November 14<sup>th</sup> from 5:00-7:00 p.m. "Thank a Professor" will also be featured. This event is open to the university community and will include great refreshments.

Sara L. Zeigler, Provost



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