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Dear Colleagues,

I am unable to be with you in the Zoom room as I am attending the ACE Conference and thus offer these brief updates in writing.

Facilitator threshold update: Per my announcement on Friday, e-campus facilitator thresholds will be lowered to 30 (undergraduate) and 25 (graduate), effective July 1, 2022. I made this decision in response to input from faculty and coordinators and after careful review of budgets and reductions that covered the costs. My thanks to Tim Matthews, Julie Curry, and Melinda Compton for their comprehensive budget reviews that made it possible to shift resources in accordance with academic quality and the desire of our faculty to provide the best possible experience for our students.

Hiring process: The Spring position requests have been reviewed and departments notified as to which positions were approved. I will release deadlines for the Fall cycle within the next week, after consulting with chairs as to what works best in terms of their workloads, the academic calendar, and the hiring cycles across disciplines.

Tenure and Promotion: I reviewed all applications for tenure and promotion and was extraordinarily impressed with the quality of our faculty and their work. Notifications have gone to the faculty members and, subject to the President's approval, all candidates will be on the Board of Regents' agenda for approval in June.

Upcoming events and activities:

Faculty Leadership Institute: March 11 (in-person) and April 22 (virtual). Please register at <https://fctl.eku.edu/fli>

Provost's Faculty Internship Program - FY 2022-2023: Please consider applying for this new program! We have designed it to provide rich leadership experiences for faculty who seek to influence the institution and participate in meaningful shared governance, as well as those who are interesting in exploring roles as academic administrators. <https://fctl.eku.edu/provost%E2%80%99s-faculty-internship-program>

My thanks to all of you for your work in serving our students, for your dedication to Academic Affairs, and for your thoughtful and insightful communications with me about problems, challenges, and accomplishments. I look forward to joining you at the next meeting.

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