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Dear Colleagues,

Congratulations to everyone as we reach the end of another successful academic year. Your accomplishments, individually and collectively, have ensured a high-quality education for our students, contributions to your disciplines, effective governance in our academy, and elevation of the institution during a time of significant change.

The accompanying report is an update on our 2014-2015 efforts to implement the plans we have been developing over the past few years. In addition to appreciating the countless points of pride at UNC, I learned from our self-study for the HLC accreditation review that faculty and staff would like to be informed more systematically about how planning efforts are going.

The report summarizes progress with key institutional plans. As you will see, each project takes its own trajectory, but all are pursuing defined goals in promoting the university. I would like to thank each initiative's leaders and advisory committees for their roles in advancing the institution. I look forward to working with the committees in the coming year to figure out how we can evaluate developments systematically to ensure we are moving forward and making adjustments as necessary.

In its 125th year, UNC remains an amazing place to work. Every year, and in fact every day, we catalyze students' aspirations—from fleeting images of going to college—into actual degrees accompanied by a readiness to serve and the audacity to try new things. Thank you for your dedication to students and for your achievements this past year in enhancing programs, reaching out to new learners, adding to your disciplines, engaging with the community, using assessment data in program improvement, participating in accreditation review, and everything else you do.

Have a wonderful summer!

Best regards,

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