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Dear President Sayre and University Senate Colleagues:

I deeply regret that I will be absent from this first meeting because of a long standing out-of-state commitment to participate in a scientific conference of great professional and personal importance. I wanted you to know that it is my intention to touch on the following themes in my conversations with the University Senate this year.

- The new arena project is, of course, first on the list. I sent the first of several planned communications on this issue to faculty, staff and students last week. I have discussed pending concerns with the Faculty Advisory Council on several occasions, and I intend to assist the discussions of the University Senate Budget Committee.
- We have other facilities planning issues as well, including east campus more generally, a science building and a comprehensive housing plan. I endorse campus architect Chris Ramey's entreaty to faculty to assist him with a new six-year plan for campus development.
- We also have the need to hear of the success of Campaign Oregon, as well as consideration of the unmet needs on which we are still working.
- I want to develop better ways to address the ongoing issues of a 365-day operating year of the university and the involvement of faculty, the majority of whom have 9 month appointments.
- It is important to assert our place in the OUS system as its only AAU institution, including inequities in terms of the system's funding priorities and how we intend to address these budget needs.
- We should look forward to the year ahead with the opening of a Portland location, the Olympic Trials and a build-back budget year.

I thank you each for your service to the University Senate and look forward to our work together.

Warm regards,

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