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Hi, everyone.

Last week, I outlined our initial thinking regarding the complicated task of planning for a fall semester in which we have little control over the variables that will affect our ability to return to face-to-face teaching and learning. I asked for volunteers to serve on a variety of workgroups, and I'm happy to report that roughly 70 people offered to help! We should all be heartened, though not surprised, by the willingness of so many to contribute. From these volunteers, Dean Stock and I have organized the workgroups noted below, and we will begin to meet next week. For those of you with ideas to share or questions to raise, please reach out to your colleagues listed below. I'm sure they will add your thoughts to their discussions. The chairs of each workgroup are listed at the top in italics.

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Today, you also received word of additional furloughs the chancellor has implemented this summer, this time intermittent furloughs. If you have questions about these furloughs, don't hesitate to ask and I'll respond or direct your question to someone who can. Our colleagues in Human Resources are doing their best to clarify issues and communicate details as quickly as possible.

Lastly, the chancellor also let you know about the budget lapse we received from the state.

This news was expected, but it is obviously concerning. And unfortunately, it's unlikely to be the last budget reduction we hear about in the months ahead. We are still awaiting details from UW System concerning the precise amount we will owe, and what flexibilities we'll receive in finding these dollars. We'll provide further updates as we get new information.

To end the week on a brighter note, our enrollment numbers continue to look strong. Marc Young reports that the team in Admissions had another encouraging week of registering students for our STAR sessions this summer, with a dozen staff members working tirelessly to contact recruits. In addition, I know our faculty and advisors are working hard with our continuing students as they register for courses. Our students are eager to come back next fall, and we will do everything we can to make that happen.

Please do something fun this weekend. Personally, I'm re-watching some favorite episodes of the Great British Baking Show and practicing my skills. Little things these days mean everything.

Take care,
Greg

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