Good morning Chairman Richardson, members of the Board, President Davenport, and guests.

The Life of Mind lecture series, co-sponsored by the UC Libraries and the Faculty Senate, continued on September 20, with Professor John McNay as the speaker, Interim President Beverly Davenport as the facilitator, and panelists Stephen Depoe, Professor of Communication, A&S; Emily Houh, Gustavus Henry Wald Professor of the Law and Contracts; Bert Lockwood, Distinguished Service Professor and Director of the Urban Morgan Institute for Human Rights; and Gregory Loving, Associate Professor of Philosophy and Chair of the Social Sciences Department at UC Clermont. The topic was Presidential Decisions for Peace, which was Professor’s McNay’s topic when he spoke at the Nobel Institute last spring. It was well attended and received. The series is designed to celebrate UC faculty research, scholarship, and creative output and to foster the free and open exchange of ideas and discourse. It will continue in the Spring.

As the semester began, faculty expressed concerns about problems with certain IT functions related to the conversion to Catalyst. With the help of Interim Provost Peter Landgren and Vice President for Information Technology Nelson Vincent, Faculty Senate offered a Faculty Forum open to all faculty during its September 8 meeting. Provost Landgren moderated the session, which included a panel of experts from areas impacted by the conversion: Registrar Douglas Burgess; Cecily Goode, Director of Student Information Systems Technology; and Annette Marksberry, Associate Vice President for UCIT Innovations & Partnerships. Faculty were able to ask questions and express concerns, some of which could be answered and some of
which are ongoing as the conversion process continues. Subsequent to the forum, Victoria Wangia-Anderson, Chair of the Senate IT Committee, compiled a lengthy list of contact information related to IT resources, which was distributed to the entire faculty. Faculty have expressed their appreciation for this guide.

Several university committees are working to improve the curriculum for diversity, equity, and inclusion for all students. The Committee on Diversity and Inclusion in the Curriculum, co-chaired by Gisela Escoe, Vice Provost for Undergraduate Affairs, Tracy Herrmann, Professor of Radiology Technology, and Bleuzette Marshall, Vice President for Equity and Inclusion, has created a report on Proposed Enhancement of General Education Student Learning Outcomes in Support of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion. The working group on Creation of Inclusive Classrooms, co-chaired by Vignesh Subbian, Robin Selzer, and Jennifer Malat, has issued a report titled Creating Inclusive Learning and Research Environments, which identifies key concepts and recommendations for faculty. These reports are being reviewed by interested parties across the university.

The All University Faculty meeting will be held in November. Dates and venues are still under consideration due to the change in administration; however, we hope to combine or connect the University Faculty meeting with Dr. Derald Wing Sue’s visit to campus and presentation on Microaggressions in Everyday Life.

Thank you, Chairman Richardson, for this opportunity to speak on behalf of the faculty. This concludes my report for the October 18, 2016 meeting of the Board of Trustees.

Respectfully submitted,
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