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I hope you are as excited as I am with the announcement of your next president. For all the reasons noted in Judy's announcement, she is a leader that will serve Foothill very well and take you to the next level. As I did my campus tours with the candidates, she was the most engaged and the most interested in Foothill, the past and the present, as well as the future. Beginning winter quarter, we will arrange for campus visits to gradually acclimate her to our college, culture, and aspirations. I also want to remind everyone about the tremendous progress Foothill has made and continues to make in fostering and supporting the success of our students, in spite of Covid and the challenges of the past. This is definitely the time to begin turning the page to the next chapter.

However, we have a lot to get done for Winter Quarter to get our "house" in order so we are proceeding with all the initiatives that have been started and I am assuring that they are funded sufficiently so as not to falter. Our enrollment is relatively healthy, our financial status is solid, our students' academic achievements continue to thrive, and we are in a very stable, but not static, state - what any new president would want to find when she arrives.

Best regards,

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