



Report of the President & Vice-Chancellor to Senate

June 16, 2026

Dear Senate colleagues,

I write today in recognition that we are bringing a challenging academic year to a close. While the year began with an important achievement – the sale of the designated properties in August, which allowed the University to complete one of the important requirements under the Plan of Compromise and Arrangement – it continued through the beginning of 2026 with a strike whose aftermath required modifications to the remainder of the Winter term.

I have learned a lot from the experiences of the last year, and from my listening tour with students, faculty, and staff in recent months. I have a renewed understanding of how the history of the last five years continues to affect the emotions and climate on campus, and of what people need and want in order to be their best selves in this context. Some of these are things we can provide relatively quickly, while others will take more time, but I am committed to the task, to making incremental progress, and most importantly to keeping the lines of communication open.

I also heard from some faculty members that some of the language the Administration used in its communications during the strike, including in some of our public communications, was triggering to faculty and recalled the language used during CCAA. I want to assure you that this was not my intention, and I will take this context into consideration in the future.

Challenges such as those presented in recent months also remind us of why we are here and why we do what we do. I realize that this year has been difficult for students as well, and I also heard about many of these obstacles they faced during my listening tour.

I intend to put forward a summary of the listening tour in the coming days. I know that a lot of work remains to be done to rebuild trust and to keep moving the institution forward. I hope you will take the summer to rest, to reflect, and to join me on this journey in September.

Sincerely,

Lynn Wells
President & Vice-Chancellor