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Happy summer SFSU staff and faculty!

Many of you are taking time off to rest and rejuvenate with fall semester fast approaching. In my first week in the Provost's Office, I've already begun doing stretches in preparation!

We have done good work these past years under the guidance of Provost Summit. She took on the university during an incredibly challenging time, refocused our campus efforts toward student success, and shepherded us through an even more difficult period during a global pandemic. As we climb out of this cataclysmic chapter, however, we have a few more challenges ahead. We face declining enrollments and we could still do better both retaining and graduating our students. Our equity gap also remains unacceptably wide. In the coming months, we must re-commit ourselves to advance our primary responsibility, bringing higher education to *all* Californians. The road may be bumpy. We will make mistakes along the way, but I know that together we will be able to make our campus better and stronger in the years to come.

Education remains crucial in forging a more just and stable society in which all of us can think critically, act responsibly, and interact with one another with compassion and kindness. Our role as an institution of higher learning cannot be underestimated. All of us in all areas of the university are entrusted with the future of our nation by the tens of thousands of students we educate each year. As we move forward let us be unafraid of engaging in constructive problem solving, so we can more effectively produce problem solvers for the world.

In gratitude,

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