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Dear Colleagues,

I hope you had a pleasant and relaxing Thanksgiving holiday. I am writing with another update on issues of importance to you and our community

I am delighted to report that after an extensive national search, we have appointed a new Director of Institutional Communication: Paula Witherell. She brings over 17 years of higher education communications and public relations experience to this critically important position at Daemen. Her ability to develop strategic media and communications plans will be crucial to the continued growth of the College. We are fortunate, indeed, to have her join our leadership team.

I would like to congratulate the search committee for a job well done. They conducted an aggressive recruitment effort, targeting key individuals from across the nation, and they received 87 applications from many experienced communication professionals. Please help me applaud the efforts of our committee: Megan Conley, Cathaleen Curtiss, Susan Marchione, Karl Terryberry, and the chair, Bobby Mills.

Paula will begin her duties on December 31. Please help me welcome her to our community. Her email address is paulawitherell@yahoo.com.

This week we will begin a national search for a new Vice President for Student Affairs, and I expect this search to be every bit as aggressive and successful as the search for the Director of Institutional Communication. The committee will be chaired by Bobby Mills and staffed by Megan Conley and includes Sara Alexanderson (Director of Housing and

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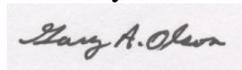
Residence Life), Patricia Brown (VP for Enrollment Management), Maverick Cummings (President of the Student Government Association), Michele Flint (President of the Faculty Senate), Justin Johnston (alumnus and Director of the Annual Fund), Christopher Malik (Director of Student Activities), Sylvia Muhr (Bursar), Special Thompson (student representative), Frank Williams (Dean of Admissions), and Andrew Wise (Associate Professor of History and Political Science).

I thank each of these committee members for their willingness to serve on this important national search effort.

I am pleased to report that we have made substantial progress in correcting our internet access problems. On Wednesday, November 27, we performed a major network equipment upgrade by replacing an antiquated router with a new, robust Cisco edge router. Our new Cisco router is fully equipped to process our current load of network traffic with ample room for future expansion. Our preliminary tests have shown that the new router is greatly outperforming our old equipment, and network traffic is moving at an unprecedented rate. This completes our first stage of a series of network performance upgrades that will continue to be rolled out over the inter-semester break. We will continue to monitor our complex network to ensure it is performing to its maximum potential.

I will continue to keep you updated as developments occur, and I hope to see you at the holiday reception on December 12 at 3:30 in the Social Room, if not at the full faculty meeting on December 5.

Cordially.



Gary A. Olson
President