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Dear Faculty Colleagues,

As President of the [Northwestern Faculty Senate](#), I write to welcome you to the start of the academic year.

The Northwestern University Faculty Senate represents the faculty in shared governance, the mechanism by which decisions about the University are made collectively with University administration and the Board of Trustees. We serve as the collective voice of the faculty in the delivery of our academic mission, and we advocate for faculty interests in policies and decisions impacting all facets of our work. This includes co-authoring and formally approving the Faculty Handbook, which serves as faculty's contract with the University.

As faculty, we care about maintaining the world-class reputation of our University and making sure Northwestern continues to be a great place to work. Part of that equation is demonstrating our care for each other and for our students. We do this best when we commit to listening to each other through our disagreements and seeking common ground. I hope to see the Faculty Senate leading the way in showing our students what this can look like, even when our differences are profound.

If you have concerns that are not being addressed through your unit, I encourage you to [contact your senator](#), or reach out to [Senate leadership](#). If you are non-tenure-eligible faculty, then your school also has an elected representative from the non-tenure-eligible faculty to represent your interests. You can learn more about the Northwestern Faculty Senate at northwestern.edu/faculty-senate, and leave comments through our [online comment form](#).

I hope to have the opportunity to meet many of you in the months to come.

Wishing you all the best with the coming year,
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