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**RE:** Special Committee on Evaluation of Teaching: Acknowledgment of Final Report

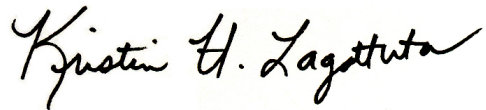
Dear Colleagues:

On behalf of Executive Council and Senate leadership, I write to express sincere gratitude for the time, effort, and careful deliberations that went into your assessment and final report of teaching evaluation practices. I am very impressed by its rigor and comprehensiveness. Professor Hastings presented your report to Executive Council on June 13, 2019, where it was endorsed. The report is posted on the Senate [website](#). In addition, I forwarded it to the UC systemwide task force, which has initiated an assessment of the use of student evaluations of teaching across the ten campuses.

I [recently announced](#) to faculty that the Senate will begin to analyze and implement some of your recommendations this year. We are starting this month by discussing with department chairs the feasibility and potential impact of the recommendations. Professor Hastings will attend to provide a summary of your report and contribute to the conversation. Senate leadership will also assess how your recommendations intersect with the charges of Senate standing committees; you may be invited to participate in additional conversations with these committees. The report has also elicited strong interest from the administration, so we plan to have further discussions with administrative partners.

Thank you again for your hard work and dedication to this committee, with a special thanks to Professor Hastings for his leadership as chair.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kristin H. Lagattuta". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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