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Dear Senators:

Welcome to the University at Albany!

We are delighted to serve as the host campus for the University Faculty Senate's 166th Winter Plenary Meeting. We encourage you to explore our campus while you are here.

The Capital Region's single largest enterprise after state government, UAlbany puts "The World Within Reach" for more than 17,300 students at the graduate and undergraduate levels. The varied perspectives and life experiences of a student body and faculty representing more than 100 nations provide a diversity that enriches learning at UAlbany.

UAlbany offers 118 undergraduate majors and minors and 138 graduate programs. Many of these programs are ranked among the best in the nation by *U.S. News and World Report* and other publications. UAlbany faculty are distinguished by excellence in scholarship, research and teaching.

Community engagement is one of UAlbany's core values. UAlbany faculty, staff and students partner with the public and private sectors in hundreds of ways to address critical issues, ranging from autism, education and public health to social welfare and economic growth. For three consecutive years, these contributions have earned UAlbany a place on the U.S. President's Higher Education Community Service Honor Roll.

UAlbany plays a major role in the economic vitality of our region and state by preparing students to contribute and succeed in today's knowledge-based economy, creating new knowledge, and collaborating with government and industry partners to drive innovation and create jobs.

Since its founding in 1844, the University has graduated generations of leaders in all fields. Today, UAlbany has a network of more than 161,000 alumni around the globe.

I wish you a most productive meeting here at UAlbany and invite you to return as often as you would like – you are always welcome!

I applaud your dedication and commitment to our great State University of New York system.

Sincerely,

Robert J. Jones
President