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Professor Sue Godar
Chair, Faculty Senate
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Dear Professor Godar:

I write to follow-up on your recent discussions with me and the Board of Trustees regarding faculty input to the board's planning and budgeting deliberations.

The board is proud of our long-standing arrangement whereby liaisons from the Faculty Senate serve on the board's Education Policy, Finance and Audit, Institutional Development and Student Affairs committees. In our institutional culture, the real work in studying and debating all key issues that ultimately come before the board for public action occurs at the committee level, where faculty input is provided during the process of formulating recommendations to the full board rather than after those recommendations have been determined.

We welcome the opportunity to further reinforce and strengthen the contributions of the Senate liaisons to the work of the board's committees. May I suggest that when the Senate elects these liaisons that they communicate with the appropriate committee chairs to establish their committee relationship. I, in turn, will ask the committee chairs to be consciously mindful of eliciting their views.

I appreciate the constructive and collaborative relationship that the Faculty Senate, administration and Board of Trustees have established at William Paterson University and look forward to continued cooperation as we pursue the University's mission.

Sincerely,

Vincent J. Mazzola

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