Dear Colleagues,

In recent months of travel I have taken me to various parts of the country. What experience is best? When I reflect on the various events that have held my attention in the past few years, I come to a few general conclusions. The most striking, of course, is that travel provides an array of experiences, some positive and some negative. The trip to the Camino de Santiago, for example, was a profound spiritual journey for many of us. The experience of walking the Camino not only provided a renewed sense of purpose, but also allowed us to engage with others from diverse backgrounds.

Travel has also been an important part of my academic career. As the Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs, it is my role to support and enhance our campus community. One such initiative is the Assessment Committee Program, which has been instrumental in improving our teaching and learning programs. The committee has been successful in identifying areas for improvement and implementing strategies to enhance student success.

In addition to my work with the Assessment Committee, I have also been involved in various other initiatives. For example, I have been a part of the new UITS Strategic Plan and the Promotion and Tenure Review Committee, which has been instrumental in developing a new faculty assessment plan. I am also involved in the development of the new B.S. in Medical Imaging program, which has the potential to be a significant contribution to our academic community.

I have also been a part of the Office of Academic Affairs, where I have had the opportunity to work with passionate colleagues who are dedicated to improving the quality of education. As the Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs, it is my goal to support and enhance our campus community, and I look forward to continuing my work in this area.

Yours sincerely,

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