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Faculty and Staff

Dear Colleagues,

I hope you are enjoying a productive and rewarding semester. I am writing with a brief update.

I have almost completed my effort to visit each office and department on campus, and I am heartened by the warmth and collegiality of our colleagues and impressed by all the success stories that I have been hearing from faculty and staff. When our new version of *Daemen Connections* is finally published, it will not have any difficulty finding good news to publish. I want to thank the many of you who have sent in suggestions for a possible new name for the publication. It is not too late to make a suggestion; just send it to Jillian Covert at Jillian.covert@daemen.edu. Please type Daemen Connections in uppercase letters in the subject line.

I am pleased to announce that we have created a Daemen College Hall of Fame. This annual ceremony will honor outstanding faculty, staff, students, and alumni, and will be

held at a ceremony where we will honor five to eight inductees, and we will post a perpetual plaque in Rosary Hall listing all inductees. Our first ceremony will be April 4-5, 2014. Please let us know if you have suggestions for possible inductees.

The Daemen College Board of Trustees held a regular meeting on Tuesday, March 12. The Board approved recommendations in four tenure and promotion cases and heard reports from the chairs of various Board committees. Athletic Director Bill Morris briefed the Board on NCAA rules so that we all had a clear understanding of ethical principles regarding student

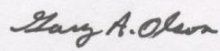
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athletes and the penalties for infractions. At the meeting, the trustees engaged in a lively and productive discussion about tuition costs in higher education after having read a report on the subject published by the Association of Governing Boards. The consensus was that Daemen is doing a good job of keeping costs down and operating efficiently. We are maintaining and even increasing enrollment while simultaneously becoming more selective an enviable position.

At the Board meeting, I gave a report on college operations and developments, which I will recap in a spring State of the College Address tentatively scheduled for April 25. I hope to see you there and at the reception that will follow.

I will continue to provide you with periodic updates on important issues and post these letters

Cordially.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Gary A. Olson". The signature is written in dark ink on a light-colored, rectangular background.

Gary A. Olson
President