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Address to the Board of Trustees  
January Meeting

Greetings and Happy New Year,

I'm going to be brief today because neither Committee A nor Faculty Council nor any of the other subcommittees met and reported to the Faculty Council in December. I have, however, received a number of emails and phone calls about the upcoming January meetings, and those communications are disturbing.

There is still no closure on the strike and the gap between the administrators and the faculty is quite wide, particularly at some campuses. The reverberations from the strike on the students and their learning continue; we'll see this, I think, with the final grades and with the retention of knowledge down the road. Finally, the treatment of Ben Rubin frightens and horrifies us, but not, I think, in the way that the administration intends.

I won't compare this strike to the tsunami, but, similarly to those aftereffects which may kill more than the original event, the strike damaged us, but the subsequent actions and retaliations may do even more harm.

Sincerely,

Polly Hoover

President of Faculty Council