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Dear CSS members,

Welcome to the 2020/2021 year, and what a year it is. I hope you are all doing well as you navigate uncharted waters.

Never before have your peers served at a time like this, in a pandemic of this magnitude, with all its attendant challenges.

It is certainly a test, but an amazing leadership opportunity too.

Together we must address the circumstances of this unusual and disruptive moment we are in, while also looking to the future.

Over the years CSS has always looked ahead, to shape, and help build a better Campus, and student experience at UTSC, but never has it had to do so, while being so heavily anchored to the moment at hand.

Despite this, I am confident we will find ways of addressing the challenges brought our way by Covid, while continuing to support and build a stellar student experience for future years, and future students. This is what legacy entails, and no doubt you will rise to the occasion with eyes focused not only on now, but the years ahead.

I very much look forward to this year's deliberations. Together we are stronger.

Walk Good.

Sincerely,



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