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Dr. Jenks thanked the Senate for the opportunity to address its members. He noted that this semester is another trying one.

He referenced three initiatives from the Office of the Provost: a minor restructuring; the upcoming salary study; and the expansion of advising. The minor restructuring includes hiring a new Assistant to the Provost that will focus on faculty development. A search committee for the new assistant provost has been created. The Office of the Provost is cleaning up data and gathering information so the Carl Vinson Faculty Salary Study may commence. Finally, the Office of the Provost is preparing to submit request(s) for additional funding to expand advising.

Dr. Jenks offered to answer any questions. Dr. Taylor asked if what he heard about the provosts discussing how to punish faculty that limit in-person instruction was true. Dr. Jenks responded that the provosts normally meet with Vice Chancellor Denley weekly. The provosts discussed ways to encourage and support faculty within the COVID guidelines

established by the system office. The tone of the meeting was not punitive. Dr. Stuart Rayfield gave an impassioned speech about how difficult these times are for faculty and students. Dr. Taylor asked if the provost discussions were focused on making campuses safer by reintroducing masks or other preventative measures. Dr. Jenks noted the provosts are always concerned about campus safety, but he acknowledged that there had been no discussion of additional measures such as reviving the mask mandate.

**Submitted by Ms. Lambert, Recorder**