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Dear Colleagues,

I am writing as a follow-up to my visit to your Science Faculty Council Meeting on 8 April 2008. I was pleased to have the opportunity to address those of you who were able to attend. It is my sincere hope that the presentation provided you with a better understanding of a number of the current issues that we are dealing with, as they relate to University funding.

I trust that I provided some level of clarification to your comments and questions particularly related to issues surrounding staffing, retirements, student tuition and the
University budget. These are matters that we will continue to discuss in our dialogues
throughout the coming months in various University forums. Should you wish to receive
a copy of the presentation, you may do so by contacting the Dean's or my office.

Again, thank you for allowing me the opportunity to speak with you.

With best regards,

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