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OFFICE OF THE PROVOST AND
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Dear Colleagues,

Welcome to the University of Denver. I know that there are dozens of things that you are taking care of as you make the transition to becoming a faculty member at DU. One of the most important for the University is your informed and smooth integration into our faculty ranks. Some years ago we created an online summer short course for newly-hired faculty, called **Teaching@DU**, to provide you with the support necessary to make the best possible start to your DU career.

This short course consists of a series of five online modules and activities designed to familiarize you with various resources at the University and provide context and support to help you thrive as a DU faculty member. Your participation is key to the success of the course. You will be asked to contribute a short reflection or participate in a short activity upon completion of each module, and, after finishing these, you will receive a certificate of completion that will also be copied to deans and program chairs.

As you proceed, you will meet other new faculty members online through discussion boards and live web-based meeting sessions. You will have the opportunity to interact with experienced DU faculty members who will also be participating in discussions and live sessions. The modules are flexible and designed for both new and "not-so-new" faculty, so you should be able to spend time on the information and materials most useful for you. Upon your arrival at DU in the fall, our Office of Teaching and Learning will sponsor a few on-campus events for you to get to know each other in person.

Over the summer you will receive information about the course from the Office of Teaching and Learning. If you have any questions, please contact Dr. Bridget Arend, Director of University Teaching, at bridget.arend@du.edu.

The University needs each of you to participate in this opportunity. Again, I understand well the demands on your time, but this is very important. Thank you, and I very much look forward to seeing you soon.

Sincerely,

Gregg Kvistad
Provost and Executive Vice Chancellor