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Dear Faculty and Staff,

I promised to keep you up-to-date on our envisioning exercise that I talked about both at our opening ceremony and then later by means of an email to the campus. We are calling this exercise "MUW 20/20: Envisioning Our Future/Fulfilling Our Promise."

You will recall that, just as we are beginning to plan for our 125th anniversary, we will also be looking at our future. As I mentioned, our future as an institution is so very important that we can't just allow the future to happen to us; rather, we need to actively plan for it. Some possible questions before us: How can MUW take advantage of the many opportunities that are being presented to us as well as fulfill new or future needs? What do we need to provide for our students, our community, and the state? How can we continue to improve an already excellent university?

One of the facilitators, Warren Miller, will be here on campus Monday and Tuesday. While we have sent him a great deal of paper-based information about us and he has thoroughly mined our website, he will be talking with a few faculty and staff as well as the members of the Cabinet at that time to deepen his knowledge of MUW. If you see him on campus, please make him feel welcome.

The envisioning exercise itself is scheduled for Monday, October 29, and will include between 50-75 people. Some will be from campus, some will be from the GTR area, and some from further afield. Invitation letters will be going out to those people in the next week or two. I am hoping that all those from the campus will be able to take part in this initiative since you bring a unique perspective on our everyday work.

For the October 29 event, the facilitators will be using a creative process that may involve small table discussions, large group discussions, art, and graphics to help us in our envisioning process. It will be a busy day but, I believe, an enjoyable day.

I will continue to keep you up-to-date as things unfold.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Claudia A. Limbert".

Claudia A. Limbert, Ph.D.
President