Dear University of Oregon Community,

I am writing to update you on a number of initiatives that have been under way on our campus over the last 18 months. These initiatives focus on areas of strength, growth, and potential related to the environment, innovation, diversity, and health.

**Four Initiatives in Development**

1. **Presidential Initiatives**
   
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2. **Diversity Initiative**
   
   For more information, or to get involved, please visit the Diversity Initiative website or contact datascience@uoregon.edu. Soon, we will unveil a website that encapsulates all the initiatives under one roof. If you have any questions or an interest in assisting this initiative, please contact cschreck@uoregon.edu.

3. **Innovation Initiative**
   
   The Innovation Initiative is designed to foster deep relationships, both across the university and between UO and a variety of community partners. It emphasizes experiential learning and practice, leading to better outcomes and faster results. To learn more, visit the Innovation Initiative website.

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**Here is some information about the progress of these initiatives:**

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**Anyone with an interest in learning more is encouraged to contact the initiative leads above, or send me an email at provost@uoregon.edu.**

Sincerely,

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