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undergraduate and graduate programs, thanks to Dr. Steve Wolk for working so hard on those changes. The BFA in Graphic Design begins, thanks to our great colleagues in art. The Doctorate in Linguistics is in the planning phase, thanks to Dr. Judith Kaplan-Weinger and Dr. Shahrzad Mahootian for their great work. Music department accreditation was reaffirmed with a commendation to the University for supporting the department during the fiscal crisis. Congratulations to Dr. Travis Heath and the department on that achievement. The MacTel program exceeded in enrollment expectations, thanks to Dr. Durene Wheeler and her excellent recruitment efforts.

Strengthen shared governance. The Faculty Senate, the University Planning and Budget Council, the Student Government Association and the University Advisory Council all co-sponsored Forward 150. They felt as I did that these crucial discussions needed to happen now and not after the budget crisis was over; and I thank every member of those committees for their leadership. We've increased regular meetings with the steering committee of the Faculty Senate. As you know, the Assembly Constitution requires that we meet once a semester; we are meeting once a month. I'd like to thank Dr. Erick Howenstine and members of the steering committee for their leadership on the Senate. We have done great work on the administrator survey task force and the proposed bylaws revisions are moving along quite nicely.

We have had trust-building workshops led by our own Dr. Sandy Williams for our leadership groups. I'd like to thank her for lending her expertise. We are working more closely with the Civil Service and A&P Council, thanks to Judy Brewer, Borislava Miltcheva and Rae Joyce Baguilat. Productive meetings with the UPI chapter president, thanks to Dr. Sophia Mihic for her leadership. I have regular meetings with the Student Government Association leadership and attend their meetings. I'd like to thank President Nick Martinez and all the officers on the Executive Board. And we held a town hall for A&P and non-negotiated Civil Service employees regarding our proposed salary-savings plan.

Share responsibility for success. We have regular press releases about faculty, staff and student success. We began Forward 150 to get community input about future directions of the university. We recognized faculty and student wri† 0

While we should be pleased that we're making good progress on the goals set forth since day one, I wish I could say the same about the progress that Springfield has been making on passing a state budget. Boo! Well, let's all do a collective boo on three. One. Two. Three.

On Wednesday, March 1st, it will be 20 months since we last had a state budget. 1 vi h i oo o w Q i p aeA e budgB

