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TO: Faculty Colleagues
FROM: Strom Thacker
DATE: July 31, 2018
RE: 2018/19 Opening Events

I am writing to invite and encourage your participation in the events surrounding the opening of the 2018/19 academic year.

The College has announced the inauguration of David R. Harris as the 19th President of Union College for Friday, September 7 and Saturday, September 8. More information will come from the President's Office and be posted on the inauguration website at www.union.edu/inauguration. All members of the campus community are invited to the inauguration ceremony, and we very much hope that you will join us for this historic and festive occasion.

The College provides rental caps and gowns for all junior faculty for this occasion (hood rental is \$38.00 at their own cost). Senior faculty who do not own their academic regalia may rent a cap and gown through the Bookstore (\$38.00 for the cap and gown and \$38 for the hood) at their own cost. All orders should be placed with Roubina Morgan (518-388-6704 or morganr@union.edu) at the Bookstore by Wednesday, August 15. Please note that there is no requirement that one wear cap & gown in the academic procession.

There will be no Opening Convocation this year.

The opening faculty meeting will take place on **Wednesday, September 12** (please note the date change from the end-of-year faculty memo), at 5:00 p.m. in Olin 115. The meeting will include new faculty introductions and welcoming remarks. The introductions will be followed immediately by a reception in Hale House Courtyard, or in Old Chapel in the case of rain.

I look forward to welcoming you all back at the beginning of the academic year. In the meantime, I hope you are having a productive and restful summer.