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Good afternoon!

Here we are at Week 4, and knock on wood, the semester seems to be going smoothly – so smoothly, in fact, that I don't have much to share with you this week. But what I do have to share is all good news!

First, at today's Board of Trustees meeting, **Daniel Ogunyemi was confirmed as OTC's first College Director of Equity and Inclusion.** Daniel has served as an adjunct faculty member, so while this is a new role, he is not brand new to the OTC family. This is important work, and I know Daniel is ready to listen, learn, and act in meaningful ways to help foster equity and inclusivity at OTC. We are excited to welcome him!

Another bit of good news is that **COVID-19 case counts are remaining relatively low** within the OTC community. Once again, thank you for your vigilant mask-wearing and enforcing it with your students as well. You can keep up with confirmed COVID-19 cases at OTC by visiting [the COVID dashboard](#).

As a reminder, the college has partnered with Burrell Behavioral Health to provide counseling services to part-time employees, including adjunct faculty. I've attached the flyer to this email. When you contact Burrell to make an appointment, please **mention that you are an OTC employee and the code 8000268**. Full-time employees are still provided personal counseling services under the college's [Employee Assistance Program](#).

My next *Provost's Notes* will be on February 22, due to the college being closed for Presidents' Day next Monday and College Development Day on Tuesday. If there is any additional information to share regarding vaccines between now and then, you will be notified.

If you have any questions, please contact me. Thank you again for the exceptional job you are doing for our students. Stay safe and warm!

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