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Dear Faculty Colleagues,

I have just returned from the American Society of Criminology conference in San Francisco where I was so proud of our 115 faculty, students, and research center partners who presented their research. From sharing evidence-based practices of improving justice in Latin America to challenging police policies and practices, to correctional programming, to the challenge of data capacity building and its promises, to childhood neglect, to environmental crime, hate crimes, and so much more: we are leading thought in criminology and criminal justice. I also thoroughly enjoyed the John Jay College Reception where faculty, researchers, friends, retirees, and alumni reconnected and we celebrated a wonderful sense of community.

The college is producing record-high amounts of socially enriching research and creative work at the same time that we are applying inspired solutions to student learning, retention and graduation, resulting in the highest numbers of students graduating in John Jay's history. I hope you share my pride in John Jay.

Now is a great time to build on our strengths by creating a strategic plan that will continue to make us proud in the coming years. **Next Monday, November 25, from 1:40-2:45 in L2.85 NB, President Mason and I invite you to come share your thoughts about the proposed strategic plan goals, as well as whatever else is on your mind.** We are holding this faculty-only session so we can hear from you directly. I hope you will join us.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Yi Li".

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