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Dear Campus Community,

Like many of you, I have been watching various accounts of the riot in our nation's capital today. This shocking display of violence and intimidation makes my heart sink as I consider the wide course of our nation's unfaltering commitment to our democracy.

I have been able to visit Washington D.C. on many occasions and I am always encouraged by my time in our capital. I am in awe of our leaders from all walks of life who have sacrificed so much to preserve and sustain our democratic principles and values. In my visits, I am always reminded of the countless members of our armed forces who have died to preserve our nation and continue our collective pursuit of "a more perfect Union."

A few minutes ago, I was relieved to see our Capitol brightly shining as a beacon of hope for all of us. From all accounts, it appears that law enforcement has successfully dispersed the riot. Now, more than ever, we must seek bipartisan ways to find common ground to address the root causes of distress in our society. Just now, I am heartened to learn that Congress expects to reconvene tonight to certify the result of the November presidential election.

All of us are struggling to comprehend the significance of these horrific acts that have threatened our core democratic values. A community and civil society start with each of us. So, as we grapple with what we witnessed today, and this entire year, please reach out to one another and care for yourself; there are resources here to support you and we must support each other.

With deep respect and appreciation,

Rex Fuller
President