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A word from the senate president

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I am sure all of us share the sense of excitement and regeneration that accompanies our return to campus at the beginning of each academic year. This has been particularly true over the past several years as we have enjoyed the excitement and benefits from dedicating and using a series of new academic and athletic-recreation facilities, and from fostering initiatives to improve the rigor and scope of academic programs. Much has been accomplished, but even more remains to be done. As we move forward, what we do and how we do it (individually and collectively) will determine the character of the University and how it is viewed academically by the communities in which a reputation for excellence and quality matters. Regionally, the reputation of DU, its faculty and its academic programs are strong. Nationally, however, although progress has been made, the picture is less clear and is uneven. There is little doubt that we all share a commitment to quality in everything we do, and to its continuous improvement. As we begin this new year, let us not be willing to settle for anything less than the very best, and to conduct our affairs to

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time, individual faculty have been invited to open their

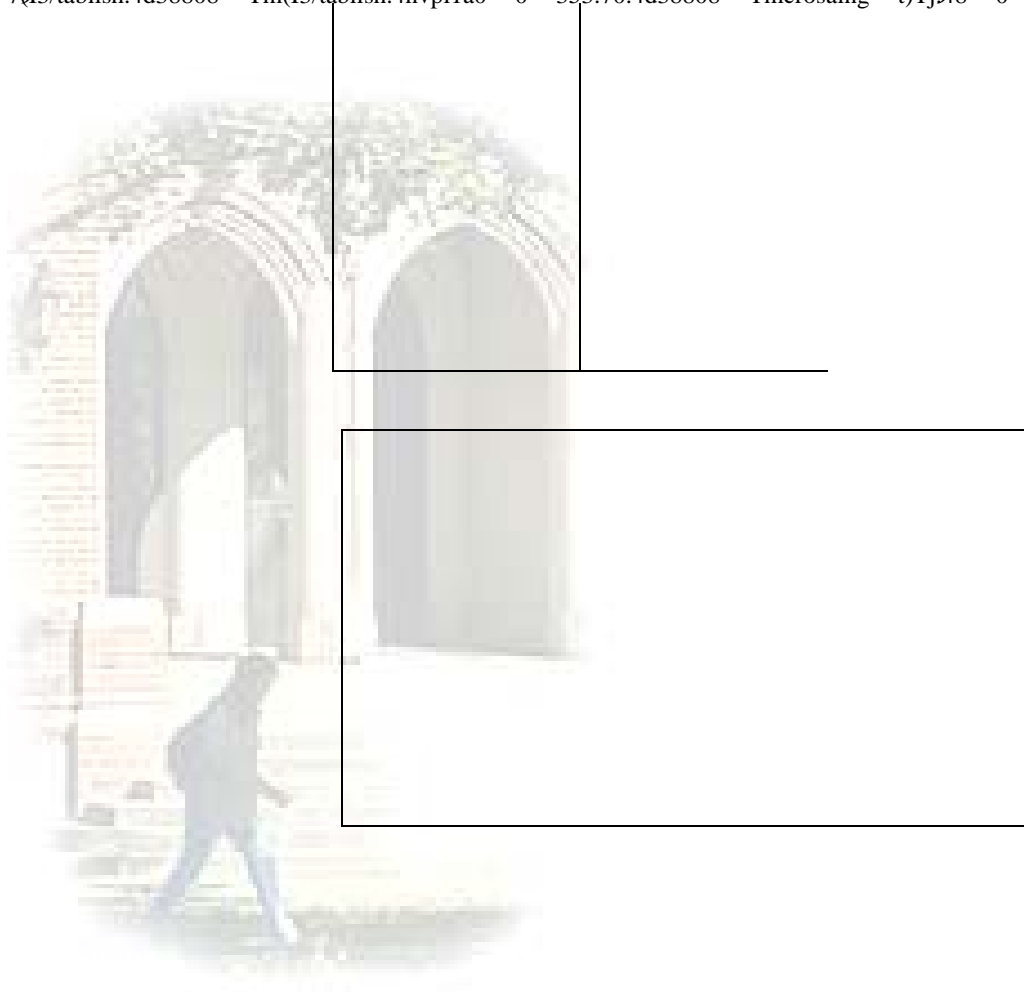
Our task force is engaged in a continuing discussion about these issues. What is the Public

overall intellectual climate at DU. Though the areas identified by the committee should not be considered complete and will be revised based on continuing faculty input, the committee felt that the curriculum could benefit significantly from improvements in three areas:

Developing and refining basic skills such as writing and numeracy across the curriculum.

Enhancing the first year experience by offering academically rigorous small-enrollment courses to students in their first year.

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