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Dear Electrical Engineering Faculty, Staff and Students:

My term as Department Chair will end on September 15. I have come to this difficult decision based upon many things--including discussions with the Dean, consideration of resources available to the department, reflection on my recent health problems and the advice of friends and family.

I'd like to take this opportunity to thank you for effort, advice, encouragement and support of my leadership. The achievements of our department during the past five years speak for themselves. I am extremely proud of what we have accomplished together.

I am looking forward to focusing on research and on my return to teaching. These are activities that I have greatly missed during eight years of being a department Chair (at Case Western and UW). I hope to work with many of you in future endeavors.

Sincerely,

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