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To: Freshman Faculty Advisers for 2009-2010

From: George Levesque, Assistant Dean of Academic Affairs

On behalf of Dean Miller and the master and dean of your residential college, I write to thank you for your willingness to serve as a freshman faculty adviser this year. Freshman advisers play a critical role in helping to shape a student's initial experience of Yale, and we are all very grateful for your service, especially at such a busy point in the term.

As the dean of your residential college explained when you were invited, please note that the first meeting with your advisees is **Tuesday morning, September 1, at 11 a.m., in your residential college**. This meeting is scheduled to take place before the large Academic Fair later in the day (from 2 to 4 p.m.) so that students are able to take better advantage of that event. Please encourage all of your advisees to attend the fair, and feel free to direct all specific questions about course placement and major requirements to the appropriate departmental representative.

The dean of your college has also invited you to attend an orientation meeting before this advising session with your freshmen. (If you are not sure about the time or location of this meeting, please contact the dean's office of your residential college.) In the meantime, please find enclosed materials that you will find useful as you advise your freshmen in the year ahead.

Finally, I am very pleased to announce that we have just launched a new online advising Web site for freshman and sophomore advisers. This Web site, which is currently accessible through a link at www.yale.edu/yalecollege/advising, provides contact information, a photograph, and basic academic information for each of your advisees. In January, this same site will also provide online access to the fall-term grades for your advisees. I hope you will find this Web site useful in advising your students.

Again, I thank you for your service, and I wish you all the best in the year ahead. If you have any questions, feel free to call the dean of your residential college or me at 432-2920. You can also reach me by email at george.levesque@yale.edu.

Enclosures:

- *Guidelines for Freshman Faculty Advisers* provides an overview of freshman faculty advising and explains your role as an adviser.
- The *Freshman Handbook* is sent to all freshmen over the summer. It explains many practical matters and provides a useful summary of the academic information that is most pertinent to freshmen. Part Two of the *Handbook* (chapters 4-9) and the appendixes focus on academic matters that will be particularly helpful as you advise your students.
- The *Calendar for the Opening Days of College* lists the main events of freshman orientation.
- A double-sided card summarizing the distributional and foreign language requirements.
- A double-sided card summarizing the advising resources in Yale College.
- A list of Directors of Undergraduate Studies and Program Advisers for 2009-2010.