Letter from the OHSU Chairman

There is a chapter in Tao Te Ching that I find enlightening. Lao Tzu spoke these words:

“When the Master governs, the people are hardly aware that he exists.
Next best is a leader who is loved. Next, one who is feared. The worst is one who is despised.
If you don’t trust the people, you make them untrustworthy.
The Master doesn’t talk, he acts. When his work is done, the people say,
“Amazing: we did it, all by ourselves!”

Who are the leaders? Is it the president of the university? Is it the dean or the chair?

Whom I see are you, who work quietly and diligently without recognition, bravado or fanfare. I realize that you are the leaders who make everything better. You are the ones who help each of us be more and accomplish more. You are my colleagues, my residents, my MA’s, my PA’s, my administrators ... so many of you, un-noticed and underappreciated. My gratitude to you for being that leader!

Sincerely,

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