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Dear Vice Chancellor Silverblatt:

It has come to the attention of the PSC that some colleges are telling faculty that they are required to complete online teaching training during the annual leave period. As you know, faculty cannot be required to perform work during the period of annual leave. Faculty cannot be compelled to accept allegedly voluntary assignments that are made prerequisites for teaching in the Fall Semester. In addition, faculty may not be penalized in any way for not attending the trainings scheduled during annual leave. Therefore, please instruct all CUNY constituent units to cease any attempt to compel faculty to work during annual leave. Colleges may offer paid online teaching training for faculty during annual leave so long as the training is voluntary. In addition, colleges may conduct paid training during the Fall or Spring Semester.

Very truly yours,

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