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Fellow Councilors,

Since the last ACS National Meeting, I have been engaged in a number of activities of interest to Council.

There was programming for this meeting, shown on the first slide. One symposium was on Chemists of Courage and another on the NASA Journey to Mars.

The second slide shows the two ACS Series Books produced, which are in areas of interest to Council as well as other ACS members. One is titled *Diversity in the Chemistry Community* and is partially based on three diversity-related symposia held during the Spring 2016 ACS National Meeting in San Diego. This book is IN PRESS and will be available electronically shortly.

The second book is *Report of Recommendations of the ACS President's Task Force on Employment in the Chemical Sciences*. It is submitted and under peer review. An electronic copy of the Executive Summary of this book was emailed to Councilors early this week. Paper copies are available in the back of this room.

The third slide gives the six major recommendations listed in the Executive Summary.

I'd like to thank the members of the Task Force, the Co-Chair Attila Pavlath, and you. As always, if you have ideas, comments, or concerns, please see me or Attila, and feel free to email me.

Thank you again for all your help. That concludes my report.