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2. Current Faculty Resource Groups to dialog with Engineering Deans and Faculty Recruiting Committees
3. Summits to Celebrate and Empower Faculty
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