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Dear Greg,

This letter is to request your permission to take an earned sabbatical in the Fall of 2007.

I am also applying for a Henry Luce Fellowship to try to stretch the sabbatical to a full year, including Spring 08. If the Fellowship should be granted to me, I would like your permission to take the full year. If I do not get the Fellowship, I plan to teach again in the Spring 08.

David Toole is presently going over my application for the Luce Fellowship, and with his approval, I should be able to give it to you shortly, for your approval and signature. I am enormously indebted to Carol Shoun in the process of writing the proposal. She immediately dropped her other work to attend to me, and took great time and pains to type me a detailed list of suggested changes and revisions, every one of which I used. I could not believe the work she did in studying the Luce instructions, previous applications for the grant, and even getting out my book from the library to familiarize herself with my kind of project. She is a Godsend among us!

Thank you, always, for all you do to create and sustain this wonderful community.

Best,

Susan Keefe