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Ad Hoc Academic Analytics Committee

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Dear Colleagues,

Academic Analytics is an online faculty scholarly productivity tool that provides comparative data for research universities. Areas of research activity include book publications, journal article publications, journal article citations, conference proceedings, federal grants, and professional honors and awards.

Illinois has been using Academic Analytics for nearly three years. The tool provides us with access to aggregate data by doctoral program and department.

I would like to establish a committee that will continuously review our use of Academic Analytics data as well as provide feedback to Academic Analytics about the effectiveness of the tool.

Given your expertise and use of Academic Analytics, I invite you to serve on our campus Academic Analytics Committee. Matthew Ando has agreed to chair the committee. The committee will be doing the following:

- Determine whether our campus faculty and other key researchers are properly matched to the doctoral programs and departments in the database.
- Evaluate the utility of the database, examine concerns with the data, and assess limitations of the output.
- Forward to Academic Analytics suggestions for improvement.
- Identify uses of Academic Analytics data to analyze the scholarly output of our programs and departments.
- Explore how the database could be helpful to departments, deans and other administrators on campus.
• Advise on campus’ Academic Analytics subscription level.
• Recommend campus policy for access to Academic Analytics data.

Amy Edwards, Assistant Provost and Director of the Division of Management Information, Staci Provezis, Assistant Provost, and George Chacko, Director of Research Information Analytics, Office of the Vice Chancellor for Research, will serve as staff support for the committee. If you are willing to serve on the committee, please respond to Deb Kincaid at dkincaid@illinois.edu.

Thank you in advance for considering this request.

Sincerely,

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Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs and Provost