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Dear Colleagues:

The purpose of this letter is to request your service on the Chancellor and Provost Committee on Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender and Queer Concerns (LGBTQ). Cris Mayo, Professor in the College of Education, has graciously agreed to serve as Chair of this year’s Committee. Alejandro Gomez Jr., Clinical Counselor in the Counseling Center, will serve as Vice Chair.

Based on your recommendations and suggestions, I encourage you to work on the following efforts:

a. continue to build upon building community among the LGBTQ communities;
b. continue to increase the visibility of the achievements of LGBTQ faculty and academic professionals;
c. assist in shaping LGBTQ friendly policies to improve the working and learning climate at Illinois;
d. solidify the LGBTQ Affinity Group; and
e. work collaboratively with other diversity committees and stakeholders.

I ask that your committee provide a report to EDGE in May 2016 that describes the Committee’s work during 2015-2016 and goals for 2016-2017. Similar to last year, your committee will be given a budget of up to $10,000 to support its efforts. Financial transactions will be monitored and processed through the Office of Diversity, Equity, and Access. Your committee will need to develop a budget and outline the goals and the measures of success prior to any distribution of funds.

The first meeting of LGBTQ will be Thursday, September 24, 4:00 – 5:00pm, in 400 Swanlund Administration Bldg. If you are unable to serve, please contact Medra Roberts-Southerland, Senior Diversity Initiatives Specialist, who will be helping to provide staff support to this Committee.
Thank you in advance for your service on this important Committee. Your work is crucial and valued.

Sincerely,

Barbara J. Wilson
Acting Chancellor

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Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs and Provost Designate