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Dear Colleagues:

The purpose of this letter is to request your service on the Chancellor and Provost Committee on Access and Accommodations (CCAA). Julie Hengst, Associate Professor in the Department of Speech & Hearing Science, and Mylinda Granger, Coordinator with the Office of Disability Resources and Educational Resources have graciously agreed to serve as Chair and Vice Chair of this year’s Committee.

I value the work of CCAA towards helping Illinois be a diverse and inclusive campus community.

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

a. provide support for the implementation of the IT Policy;
b. continue work on surveying colleges and university entities regarding contacts for access and accommodations;
c. assist in planning of ADA25;
d. coordinate with other campus units (AHS, campus Rec, DRES, other units) to plan activities for celebrating the 25th anniversary of the ADA; and

e. work collaboratively with other diversity committees and stakeholders to engage a large segment of our campus community in actualizing the goals of the Diversity Values Statement.

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. This year your committee will be given a budget of up to $10,000. 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 CCAA will be Wednesday, September 23, 12:00 – 1:00pm, 500 Swanlund Administration Bldg. If you are unable to serve, please contact Medra Roberts-Southerland, 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

Edward J. Feser
Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs and Provost Designate

c: Menah Pratt-Clarke, Associate Chancellor and Associate Provost