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Dear Colleagues:

The purpose of this letter is to request your service on the Chancellor and Provost Gender Equity Council (GEC). Kelly Tappenden, Professor and Provost Fellow, has graciously agreed to serve as chair of this year’s Committee.

I value the work of GEC 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. review and update the Women at Illinois Report;
b. continue to engage with various colleges to promote a healthy work climate;
c. continue work on recognizing the achievements of women at Illinois for the Sesquicentennial; and
d. 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 GEC is scheduled on Tuesday, September 22, 3:30 – 4:30pm, 500 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,

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Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs and Provost Designate

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