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Dear Colleagues:

The purpose of this letter is to request your service on the Chancellor and Provost Committee on Race and Ethnicity (CORE). Ronald Bailey, Chair and Professor of African American Studies, and Mercedes Ramirez-Fernandez, Interim Assistant Chancellor and Assistant Provost for Student Diversity, have graciously agreed to continue to serve as the Chair and Vice Chair.

I value the work of CORE 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:

- advance recommendations that will require a U.S. ethnic minority course as a Gen Ed requirement;
- continue involvement in the campus enrollment management efforts;
- explore ways to connect international and U.S. students;
- focus on graduate education diversity issues; and
- 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 CORE will be Wednesday, September 16, 10:00 – 11:00am, 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,

Barbara J. Wilson  
Acting Chancellor

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