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Dear Colleagues:

The purpose of this letter is to request your service on the Committee on Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender and Queer Concerns (LGBTQ). Julie Dowling, Associate Professor in the Department of Latina/Latino Studies, has graciously agreed to serve as Chair of this year's Committee. Leslie Morrow, Director of the LGBT Resources Center, will serve as Vice Chair. This is a year of transition. A new Diversity Council will be charged and LGBTQ will have representation there.

You will work closely with the new Diversity Council and Associate Chancellor for Diversity Assata Zerai as she continues to lead a campus effort to develop a comprehensive and actionable campus diversity strategy that includes attention to recruitment, training, education, research, communication, policy, and governance at campus and unit levels. Additionally, we encourage you to continue your progress on ongoing initiatives, including:

- a. increasing the visibility of the achievements of LGBTQ faculty, staff and academic professionals;
- b. advise on LGBTQ friendly policies to improve the working and learning climate at Illinois;
- c. providing input to Associate Chancellor Zerai on future diversity efforts; and
- d. provide advice to the Diversity Council, diversity committees and stakeholders.

We ask that your Committee provide a report to Associate Chancellor Zerai in May, 2018 that describes the Committee's achievements during 2017-2018 and goals for 2018-2019.

The campus diversity committees will hold a Fall Diversity Summit on October 11, 2017, 12:00 – 2:00pm at the Illini Union, Room 314B. The Fall Diversity Summit will afford each of the committees an opportunity to share information about the issues and initiatives they have been working on.

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Thank you in advance for your service on this important Committee. Your work is crucial and valued.

Sincerely,



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Chancellor



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Interim Vice Chancellor for Academic  
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c: A. Zerai