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Dear Colleagues:

The purpose of this letter is to request your service on the Committee on Access and Accommodations (CCAA). Julie Hengst, Associate Professor in the Department of Speech & Hearing Science, and Mylinda Granger, Coordinator of Access and Transportation with the Division of Disability Resources and Educational Services have graciously agreed to serve as Chair and Vice-chair of this year's Committee. A new Diversity Council will be charged and CCAA will have representation there.

Associate Chancellor Assata Zerai will continue 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. It will be important for the CCAA to work closely with her to help inform and support that very important work. Additionally, we encourage you to continue your efforts on ongoing initiatives, including:

- a. advising on infrastructure and procedures related to ADA compliance, including providing input into developing a campus public portal;
- b. providing feedback to the Accommodations Review Committee concerning the implementation of the Campus IT Accessibility Policy;
- c. reviewing the Access and Accommodations Statements/Policies/Resources and essential functions documents available on university website;
- d. providing input to update the CCAA website which will be transferred to a central campus location;
- e. providing input to populate a new accessibility webmap; and
- f. working 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.

We ask that your Committee provide a report to Associate Chancellor Zerai in May, 2018 that describes the Committee's achievements during 2017-18 and goals for 2018-19.

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The campus diversity committees will hold a Fall Diversity Summit on October 11, 2017, 12:00 – 2:00pm at the Illini Union, Room 314A. 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.

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

Sincerely,



Robert J. Jones
Chancellor



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c: A. Zerai