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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 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.

We are pleased to have Assata Zerai, Professor in the Department of Sociology, taking on a leadership role as the Associate Chancellor for Diversity. Professor Zerai began her position on August 16 and will be joining the campus diversity committees at the Diversity Summit on September 9 at the Illini Union. The Diversity Summit will afford each of the committees an opportunity to share information about the issues and initiatives they have been working on.

We have asked Associate Chancellor Zerai 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 Associate Chancellor Zerai to help inform and support that very important work. Additionally, we encourage you to continue your work on ongoing CCAA initiatives, including:

- a. working with Associate Chancellor Katherine Galvin regarding infrastructure and procedures related to ADA compliance, including development of campus public portal;
- b. providing support for the implementation of the Information Technology Policy;
- c. reviewing the Access and Accommodations Statements/Policies/Resources available on university website;
- d. overhauling and expanding the CCAA website; and

- e. 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, 2017 that describes the Committee's work during 2016-2017 and goals for 2017-2018.

Given current fiscal constraints, we will not be allocating a pre-established budget to the CCAA. Rather, we ask that you make specific requests for financial support for proposed initiatives to Associate Chancellor Zerai. Your committee will need to develop a budget and outline the goals and the measures of success prior to any distribution of funds.

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

Sincerely,



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Interim Chancellor



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c: K. Galvin  
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