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Chancellor's Advisory Council on Jewish and Campus Life

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Dear Friends and Colleagues,

The University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign has an obligation to create a safe and welcoming environment for all students. We believe that every campus community member should be able to live and thrive in their full humanity in all aspects of their academic and campus life, including but not limited to, their faith, race, gender identity, ethnicity, national origin and viewpoints. This obligation includes addressing issues that may negatively affect the lived experiences and campus climate for our students, staff, and faculty, and to advance clear, concrete and actionable steps to create change when it is needed.

As I announced to the campus in November, to achieve these aims, I am establishing and charging the Chancellor's Advisory Council on Jewish and Campus Life and invite you to serve as its first members. The work of this Advisory Council is to assist my office in identifying opportunities to improve and sustain the campus environment and to provide guidance on how we as a university can advance our commitment to an inclusive community where all feel welcome, including our Jewish and pro-Israel students, staff and faculty.

The Chancellor's Advisory Council on Jewish and Campus Life is charged with the following primary responsibilities:

- To provide guidance on maintaining an inclusive and welcoming environment for all Jewish students, staff, and faculty, and provide concrete recommendations for campus improvements to increase inclusion of all Jewish voices

- To assess institutional resources and campus climate for Jewish students, staff and faculty to better understand the current state of individual experiences and institutional support
- To support the relationships between the university and the Champaign-Urbana Jewish community, including but not limited to Illini Hillel, Illini Chabad and Sinai Temple
- To provide direction on the development of focused and regularly recurring educational and co-curricular programming, regarding Jewish student inclusion and anti-Semitism

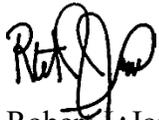
The Chancellor's Advisory Council on Jewish and Campus Life is expected to meet periodically (at least 4 times a year) and will provide a report to the Chancellor's Leadership Team at the end of the 2020-2021 academic year. The council will provide details of the status of current efforts along with recommendations for the council's future efforts. Included in this report should be a timeline and proposed implementation budget.

Members of the Chancellor's Advisory Council on Jewish and Campus Life will serve for terms of two years and will be composed of undergraduate and graduate students, staff, faculty and alumni, as well as representatives from the Jewish community. The Chancellor's Advisory Council on Jewish and Campus Life will be administratively supported and staffed by the Office of the Vice Chancellor for Diversity, Equity & Inclusion.

The first meeting will occur in late March. This will serve to introduce and meet each other, discuss the staffing and framework through which the Advisory Council will operate, and set goals for the first year.

Thank you again for agreeing to serve in this important role for our university.

Sincerely,



Robert J. Jones
Chancellor