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Dear Colleagues,

Thank you very much for your service on the Enhancing Diversity, Guiding Excellence (EDGE) Council last year. Your final report was thorough and is helpful as we think about planning for this academic year.

We are writing to request your service as members of the Illinois EDGE Council. The Council, made up of chief diversity officers and other college/division representatives, will serve as an advisory board and provide guidance on the university's diversity and inclusion efforts, with a specific focus on the following:


- a. reviewing and advising us on the university's progress in meeting its diversity and inclusion goals;
- b. offering recommendations on the university's diversity and inclusion strategies, policies, procedures and programs;
- c. advising the Diversity Council and monitoring the efforts of the diversity committees, including the Accessibility Review Committee (ARC), CCAA, CORE, GEC, DRIVE, Inclusive Illinois, and the LGBTQ Concerns Committee. At the conclusion of the AY17-18 year, we will request your advice on setting next year's agendas and drafting charges for these committees; and
- d. providing input to Associate Chancellor Assata Zerai on future diversity efforts.


You will work collaboratively with the new Diversity Council and Associate Chancellor for Diversity Assata Zerai, who has overall campus responsibility for overseeing our diversity initiatives.

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Thank you in advance for your service on this important Council. We look forward to your contributions in the coming year.

Sincerely,

  
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