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Dear Colleagues:

Thank you for agreeing to serve on the Committee on Access and Accommodations (CCAA). Julie Hengst, Associate Professor in the Department of Speech & Hearing Science has graciously agreed to serve as Chair of this year's Committee. CCAA will also be represented on the Diversity Leadership Council.

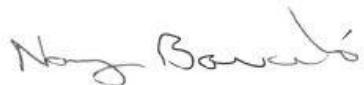
Rusty Barceló, Visiting Special Assistant to the Chancellor for Diversity, will continue to lead a campus effort to develop a comprehensive and actionable campus diversity strategy that includes attention to recruitment, training, education, research, communication, policy, and governance at campus and 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. CCAA will continue monitoring and providing support as requested for the following ongoing infrastructure projects:
 - a. ADA Transition Plan 2017 Supplement
 - b. IT Accessibility and TARC
 - c. Disability Public Portal through the Title IX and Disability Coordinator's Office
 - d. Accessibility (ADA) webmap project;
- b. CCAA should continue to review the availability and use of *Access and Accommodation Statements* for different members of the campus community (e.g., event planners, unit support staff, program develops, and individuals with disabilities), and use the review as an opportunity to provide recommendations, support, and ongoing education to our campus community about the value of, and practices for, making our campus accessible;
- c. continue to discuss: a) opportunities to enhance the accessibility of our campus for individuals with disabilities; b) intersectional issues related to disabilities and other diversity issues and supports on campus;
- d. 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 the office of the VCDEI in May 2019 that describes the Committee's achievements during 2018-19 and goals for 2019-20.

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

Sincerely,



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