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Dear Colleagues:

Thank you agreeing to serve on the Committee on Sexual Orientation, Gender Identity, and Expression (formerly Chancellor Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender and Queer Concerns [LGBTQ]). Anita Hund, Clinical Assistant Professor in Educational Psychology, and Murillo Soranso, Director of First Year Experience in LAS Administration, have graciously agreed to serve as Co-chairs of this year's committee. As you may know the committee co-chairs will be your representation on the newly established Diversity Leadership Council. As we transition to a new model I request your patience and input.

I will be your primary contact for this committee and look forward to working with you. I encourage you to continue your progress on ongoing initiatives, including:

- a. Working with the administration to institute policies that generate information on the LGBTQ faculty/staff issues.
- b. increasing the visibility of the achievements of LGBTQ faculty, staff and academic professionals;
- c. advise on LGBTQ current local and national issues that jeopardizes the working and learning climate at Illinois;
- d. provide advice to the Diversity Leadership Council, diversity committees and stakeholders.

As in the past, I ask the committee to provide a report in May 2019 that describes the Committee's achievements during 2018-2019 and goals for 2019-2020.

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

Sincerely,



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