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Dear Colleagues:

We cordially invite you to serve on the Campus-Community Compact (Compact) Implementation Working Group under the coordination of the Office of the Chancellor/Public Engagement. Dr. Neal Cohen, Director, Interdisciplinary Health Sciences Institute (IHSI), Dr. Angela Ward, Assistant Superintendent of Equity and Engagement, Champaign Unit 4 School District, and Ms. Beverly Baker, Chief Impact Officer, United Way of Champaign County will co-chair this working group. Penny Nigh, Assistant to the Executive Associate Chancellor for Public Engagement (nigh@illinois.edu), will oversee staffing and support. Your work will ensure the successful launch of the Compact, a critical component to answering the Chancellor’s Call-to-Action to address racism and social injustice at the University of Illinois Urbana Champaign (UIUC) and within our surrounding community.

Building upon the growing relationship between the community and UIUC we seek to ensure a Campus-Community Compact that effectively addresses structural racism, bias and social injustice through the collective development and implementation of a strategic action plan. We ask that this group develop and oversee an implementation plan to launch the Compact.

The committee is hereby charged with the following tasks and responsibilities:

• Develop implementation plans for the selected year one projects.
• Establish common selection criteria for future short- and long-term projects and signature programs.
• Work with the six focus areas to inform and identify year 2 and 3 activities, including mid-term and signature programs that support impacted groups and their surrounding environments and to maximize the cultural assets/wealth that they can contribute to improve the whole community.
• Develop a set of metrics for project and portfolio evaluation.
• Leverage the energy and enthusiasm our students have for change to create a better university-community integration. How can we reduce barriers to community service and promote diversity and equity among students through community-based work?

If you agree, the initial meeting of the Working Group will be held the week of March 7, 2022. As the first step of this process, we ask that by March 25th, you develop initial project deliverables, timelines, milestones for the year one projects. Your final Working Group action plan will be due May 1, 2022.

Sincerely,

Wanda E. Ward, Ph.D.                                   Danita M. B. Young, Ph.D.
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