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Joshua L. Bearden, PhD
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Dear Joshua L. Bearden, PhD:

This letter of interest is for Distance Education Committee Chair.

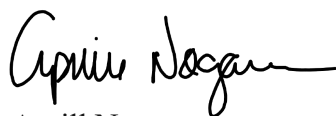
My online teaching experience, @One Certificate of Completion for Online Education Standards and Practices, successful completion of the @One Online Teaching Certificate program, and completion of the @One Peer Online Course Review (POCR) training provide to necessary preparation and background to serve as the Distance Education Committee Chair.

My instruction through multiple @One classes has provided me several opportunities for structured training not only in the OEI rubric consisting of best practices but also in mentoring colleagues on the fundamentals of building an effective online classroom. My most recent training in the Peer Online Course Review was focused on mentoring colleagues as they design their online courses for OEI alignment. This training included reviewing online courses and developing supportive and collegial dialogue regarding instructional techniques and best practices in the online learning environment. Most recently, I utilized the skills gained in these courses to work closely with Laurie Huffman, the Distance Education Coordinator, and Sophia Ramirez, the Distance Education Co-Chair, to provide support for faculty through face-to-face and virtual training during the campus-wide transition to remote learning.

Additionally, my involvement in the Curriculum Committee over the past two years has provided me with specific insight into the curriculum approval process, including Title V requirements for course approval. Most recently, we are discussing the online addendums for all LMC classes and the workflow of the eLumen program, particularly the role of the Distance Education representative.

Finally, my role as Academic Senate Vice President provides the opportunity for Distance Education concerns and information to be present across multiple college committees. This presence is of particular importance not only because of our increased online instruction site-wide but because of the impending accreditation visit in the fall. Having a consistent and knowledgeable voice on the issues of Distance Education and the mission, philosophy, and goals of LMC is pertinent.

Sincerely,



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