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Dear Colleagues:

I write to invite you to serve on a task force to help UC Berkeley become a Hispanic Serving Institution (HSI) by 2027. This is indeed one of our boldest goals in our strategic plan—for at least 25 percent of enrolled undergraduate students to be Chicanx/Latinx and for the university to be a preferred destination for Pell-eligible students. Recruiting a diverse student body is only the beginning. We must assure that every student thrives at Berkeley and finds belonging in all dimensions of our excellence.

I have asked Oscar Dubón, Jr., Vice Chancellor for Equity & Inclusion, and Kris Gutiérrez, Carol Liu Chair and Professor, Graduate School of Education, to co-chair the Task Force, and they have graciously agreed to do so.

The work of the Task Force will focus on the development of goals toward becoming an HSI, as well as related immediate, short and long-term goals; the creation of an actionable, campus-wide engagement and socialization plan; and recommendations for investments in infrastructure, curriculum, research, and campus culture toward serving the Chicana/Latina community, as well as other underrepresented, underserved and/or invisibilized communities. In addition, the Task Force will review HSI application processes and timelines, eligibility criteria; collect relevant institutional data; and develop a communications plan (e.g., website, materials, social media, community engagement, etc.).

Through its recommendations, the task force will provide the campus a blueprint for becoming an HSI. I request that the task force deliver recommendations to me by **December 13, 2019**.

Thank you for your commitment to this important institutional transformation that will move our campus toward better serving California and society at large in the 21st century.

Sincerely,



Carol Christ