

June 8, 2010

Dear friend:

This letter is to request that you consent to serve on the Diversity Advisory Council for the Northwest College of Education and Human Services. This team typically meets once each spring and again once in the fall. These meetings are typically over brunch from 9:30 AM to 11:30 and are held most often at our graduate center in Kansas City or St. Joseph.

Although this assignment does not entail numerous meetings, I can tell you that this team has been of great importance to our College as we have sought to ensure our student body experience (particularly education majors) a more diverse experience and that students can gain experiences in diverse classrooms and settings. To fail to do this is to fail to adequately prepare them for their future professional life.

**We are preparing to meet on Friday, June 25 at the Kansas City Center in Liberty, Missouri (Blue Jay Tower Plaza, 8 Victory Lane).** This meeting will allow us to introduce the new Interim Dean of the CEHS, Dr. Joyce Pivalal. Many of you know Joyce from her long career at the St. Joseph Schools and more recently with the leadership of our Northwest Professional Education Unit. We will be able, as well, to review various recent initiatives, review our revised Diversity Plan and most importantly, gather input from the membership on future directions we should be considering.

Please know we would be delighted to have you as a member of this important team. If you are able to accept this invitation for team membership, and/or if you are able to attend our next meeting (on June 25 at 9:30 AM) please RSVP to Nikki Yount, in my office, at [Nikkiy@nwmissouri.edu](mailto:Nikkiy@nwmissouri.edu) or at (660) 562-1778. We look forward to hearing from you.

Respectfully,

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