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Dear Campus Community,

By the start of the academic year, Wright State University's six centers — Bolinga Black Cultural Resources Center; Office of Latinx, Asian, and Native American Affairs; Women's Center; Office of LGBTQA Affairs; Office of Disability Services; and the Veteran and Military Center — will report to Matt Boaz, the chief diversity officer.

Realigning the centers from the Division of Student Affairs so they fall under the chief diversity officer's responsibility places these essential areas within the Office of the President. The university prioritizes and is committed to diversity and inclusion throughout our community, starting with my office.

This decision will allow these centers to expand their missions, visions, and services, and align related responsibilities currently distributed across various units. One of our goals for the centers is to provide excellent service and support to our faculty, staff, and alumni, as well as our students, especially students in underrepresented populations.

This organizational change was influenced by our strategic planning process, which is already helping us to set priorities for the university as we shape our future. It is clear that diversity and inclusion are critical to building an environment that fosters innovation, and by elevating the university centers that serve underrepresented populations Wright State is reinforcing that priority.

This transition would not be possible without the outstanding work that has happened in the centers under the leadership of the Division of Student Affairs and Gary Dickstein, interim vice president for student affairs. In particular, over the past year, Bolinga, LANA, the Women's Center, and the Office of LGBTQA Affairs have fostered new and constructive working relationships benefiting many on campus. We expect that momentum to continue as this transition takes place.

Though we are organizationally grouping the centers together under the chief diversity officer, they will not all be in the same location on campus. The university hopes to move Bolinga, LANA, the Women's Center, and the Office of LGBTQA Affairs to the same location. The Office of Disability Services and the Veteran and Military Center will remain in their current locations.

I know that Bolinga, LANA, the Women's Center, LGBTQA Affairs, Disability Services, and the VMC will continue to provide excellent and vital service and support to our community for decades to come.

Warmest regards,

Cheryl B. Shrader, Ph.D.
President

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