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Chancellor's Ballroom East, Carolina Inn

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1. Centers and Institutes Update Attachment A
Bob Blouin, Executive Vice Chancellor and Provost

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(No formal action is requested at this time)

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2. Provost Update
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5. Faculty Update
Lloyd Kramer, Interim Chair

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TO: Richard Y. Stevens
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Chair, UNC-Chapel Hill Board of Trustees University Affairs Committee

FROM: Robert A. Blouin *RA3*
Executive Vice Chancellor and Provost

DATE: September 18, 2019

RE: Requests for Authorization to Plan and Establish New Centers

Creating a new center or institute at a UNC system university requires a two-step process involving, first, a request for authorization to plan and, second, a request for authorization to establish the new unit. Authorization to plan is granted by the chancellor and provost, who then notify the Board of Trustees. Authorization to establish the new center or institute is given by the Board of Trustees. This memo addresses (1) the required notification of authorization to plan two new centers, the Center for Information Impact and the Asian American Center and (2) a request to the Board of Trustees for approval to establish the Blood Research Center.

Center for Information Impact. The Centers and Institutes Review Committee enthusiastically recommended approval of the request for authorization to plan a new research center called the Center for Information Impact (CII), which would be housed in the School of Information and Library Science and report to Dean Gary Marchionini. As described in the attached letter, the proposed CII's mission would be "to serve as a hub of scholarship and innovation on the ways that digital information affects human life and collective evolution." The center would encompass three distinct components: (1) the Center for Information, Technology, and Public Life, (2) the Digital Exposome, and (3) the Knowledge Trust. The CII "will investigate extant and emerging phenomena related to digital environments and human conditions and eventually serve as an international center for scholarship on information impact." The CII will span the schools of Information and Library Science, Media and Journalism, and Law. The Knight, Hewlett, and Luminate Foundations have provided funding sufficient to launch the CII over a six-year period. The Chancellor and I have approved the request for authorization to plan this new center and have encouraged Dean Marchionini to proceed with developing a request for authorization to establish the CII.

Asian American Center (AAC). With a mission "to cultivate a critical understanding of Asian American peoples, cultures, and histories as fundamental to the American experience," the AAC would engage students, faculty, and staff in interdisciplinary discourse and community building. Ultimately, it will help prepare the next generation of leaders for an increasingly multicultural society. Interim Chancellor Kevin Guskiewicz and I have approved a request for authorization to plan this new instructional center, which would report to the Office of the Executive Vice Chancellor and Provost. The Centers and Institutes Review Committee had previously reviewed the request and agreed unanimously to recommend that it be granted. I have appointed a planning committee that includes students, faculty, alumni, and administrators to develop the detailed plans necessary

to create the center. In addition, a group of dedicated alumni have launched a fundraising campaign to support the establishment of the center.

UNC Blood Research Center (BRC). Following a planning period, faculty and administrators in the School of Medicine have submitted a request for authorization to establish the BRC, whose mission is to promote interdisciplinary basic and clinical research in non-malignant blood disorders (see attached document). Blood research is an area of strength and legacy at UNC-Chapel Hill, and the members of the Centers and Institutes Review Committee and I are pleased and excited at the prospect of having this center on our campus. We believe the BRC will make major contributions to the field that ultimately will result in better health for the hundreds of thousands of people worldwide who are affected by blood disorders. The center has a clearly defined organizational structure, strong leadership, and the involvement of expert and dedicated faculty. The BRC will be supported by grants, F&A funds, and pharmacy revenue and will occupy a newly renovated floor of the Mary Ellen Jones building. I ask for your approval of the request to establish this new center at UNC-Chapel Hill.

Attachments

cc: Clayton Somers
Vice Chancellor for Public Affairs and Secretary of the University

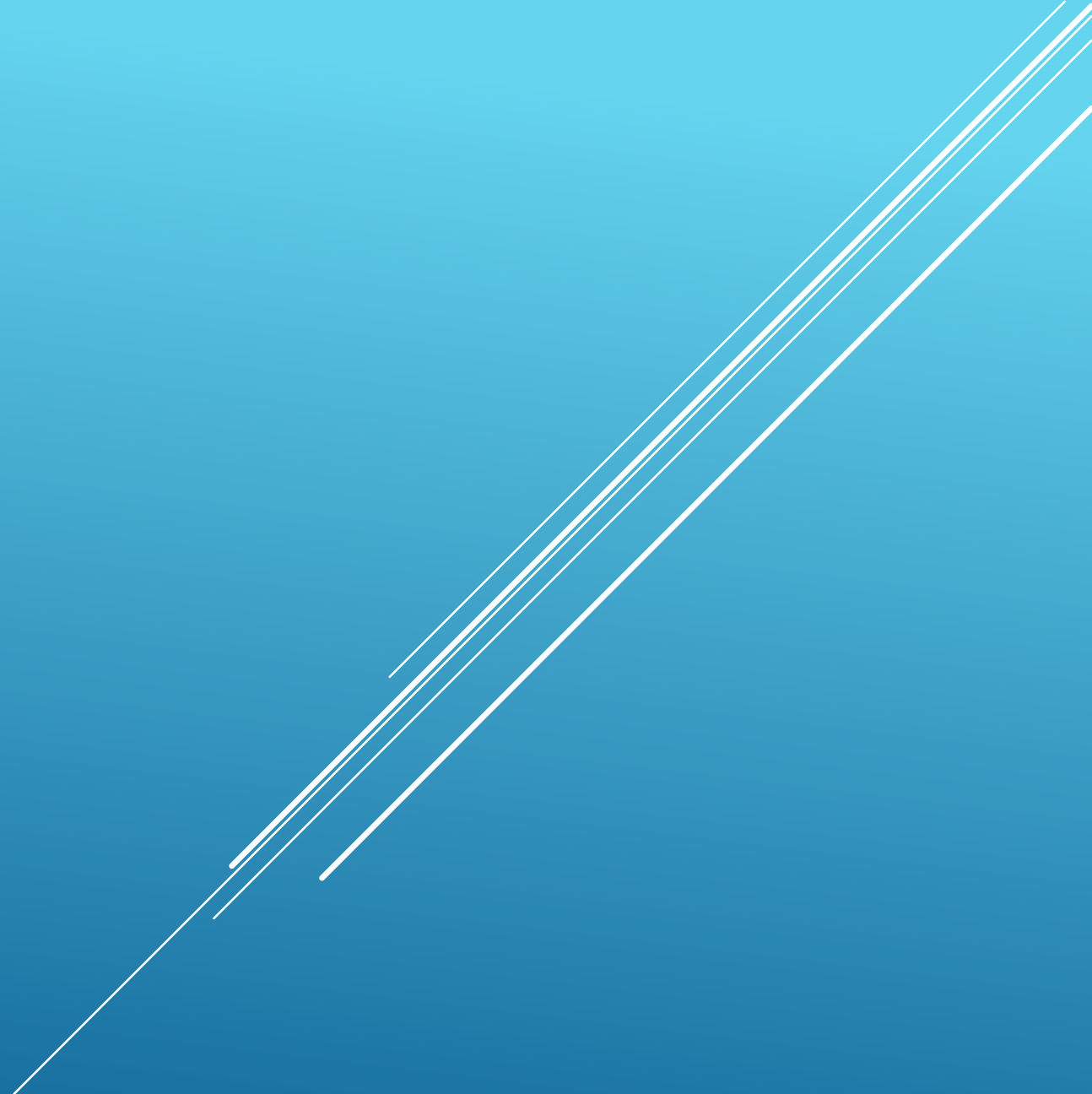
Carol Tresolini
Vice Provost for Academic Initiatives and Chair, Centers and Institutes Review Committee



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