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MEMORANDUM

TO: Shannon Johnson, Chair, General Education Committee

FROM: Michael Bruno, Interim Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs and  
Vice Chancellor for Research

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Michael Bruno".

SUBJECT: Response to General Education Program Review

Thank you for your memo dated December 20, 2018. I know that this review of General Education was challenging, as it was the first comprehensive review since the program's inception. I appreciate how thorough the committee has been in preparing responses to both the external review team report, as well as the steering committee's self-assessment. I understand that the complexity of the recommendations required careful consideration by the committee, and that preparing your response took longer than was originally intended. That said, as was discussed with OVCAA throughout the review process, your response to the external review team report was to include not only a general reaction to each recommendation, but also a clear response in terms of an implementation plan detailing the activities you would engage in to address the recommendations between now and the one-year progress report.

In your memo, you indicate that this spring you will "develop a plan of action to move forward, likely forming several working groups to focus on the larger topic areas such as assessment, governance, and curriculum." I look forward to learning more about your plans for addressing the recommendations of the program review. If possible, I would appreciate receiving the committee's complete response to the program review report by May 1, 2019. Please let me know if that date is problematic in any way. Thank you again for your commitment and dedication to this very important part of our academic enterprise.

C: Brian Powell, Chair UHM Faculty Senate Executive Committee  
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