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Dear Members of the Connecticut College Community:

Last week, I announced my decision to appoint an interim dean of institutional equity and inclusion for the remaining weeks of the term. I am pleased to report that not one but three faculty members have agreed to serve in this capacity as an interim team: Sunil Bhatia, professor of human development; David Canton, associate professor of history; and Sandy Grande, associate professor of education.

Priorities for this team will include: (1) creating new campuswide events and programs related to diversity, equity, and inclusion; (2) improving our protocol for handling bias incidents; (3) serving as a support team for students, faculty, and staff; and (4) planning the formation of a new community council. Other priorities are likely to emerge through a broadly consultative process. If you have ideas that you would like to share, or if you would like to be involved in some other way, please contact Lynne McCue (lemcc@conncoll.edu), senior assistant to the dean of the College, who will be supporting the interim team. You can expect to hear reports of progress on these initiatives before the end of the term.

We will continue our search for a permanent dean of institutional equity and inclusion later this term, after taking time to gather feedback from the community.

In the meantime, please join me in thanking professors Bhatia, Canton, and Grande for their willingness to serve.

Yours,

Katherine Bergeron
President