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Dear Professor Richardson,

I am writing to acknowledge your contributions and express my gratitude for your service to the university in your role as Co-Chair of the Media, Arts, and Technology Discipline Council for the last several years. It is my understanding that this discipline council has seen exponential growth in the last few years, so much so that every campus now sends a representative to each meeting. During your tenure as co-chair, you have made significant contributions to the university community of practice. These contributions include the development of a comprehensive list of CUNY digital media programs, their directors, and program focus in order to identify transfer linkage opportunities between 2 and 4 year CUNY institutions; provision of evolving guidelines on addressing tenure, promotion and reappointment disparities within the digital disciplines; presentation of the challenges facing technology-based programs within CUNY to the University Faculty Senate and the CUNY Committee on Academic Technology; and Chairing the Discipline gathering of Program Directors every semester.

Given the steady increase in transfer between and among CUNY colleges, now more than ever, articulation, course equivalences and smooth transfer of coursework between colleges is a key factor in the success of our students as well as the success of our programs. I believe that the steady hand of faculty working through their discipline councils is central to this work. I therefore applaud your efforts and commitment to this work.

As co-chair, your leadership has extended to the larger Discipline Council Chairperson meetings hosted by the UFS where you have also contributed to discussions over articulation agreements in the arts between the community and senior colleges. On behalf of my colleagues at the Central Office of Academic Affairs who genuinely appreciate and notice these efforts by faculty, I want to thank you and recognize your service to the university.

Sincerely,

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