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Dear Dr. Lorschach:

I am writing to acknowledge the contributions made by May Jadallah to Illinois State University's Open Access Task Force. You may recall that Judge Michael P. McCuskey, chairperson of Illinois State University's Board of Trustees, appointed the Illinois State University Open Access Task Force in November 2013. Distinguished Professor Steven Juliano and I had the privilege of chairing this Task Force.

The 18-member Task Force met six times over the course of the 2014 spring semester. As called for by the Act, the Task Force conducted three open forum sessions to solicit input from faculty and other members of the University community regarding implications of an Open Access policy. The Task Force also administered an online survey to faculty, staff, and graduate students which solicited input regarding the elements of the charge. Information collected through these multiple approaches informed the Task Force's recommendations and shaped the draft Open Access Policy. The draft report was posted on Illinois State University's Open Access website, a summary of the recommendations and proposed Open Access policy was distributed to faculty, and feedback from the University community was solicited through open forums. The Task Force met four times in the fall semester to incorporate feedback and presented a revised report to the Academic Senate. Illinois State University's Academic Senate endorsed the direction of the proposed Open Access policy at its meeting on September 24, 2014. The report was revised to incorporate feedback provided by Academic Senate and the campus community, and the final report has been submitted to Illinois State University's Board of Trustees, Illinois Board of Higher Education, both chambers of the legislature, and the Governor.

As you can see, the Task Force required a significant commitment from May as well as other members. The Task Force benefitted from May's contribution and his comments shaped several important aspects of the Open Access Task Force Report.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jim Jawahar", written over a horizontal line.

**Jim Jawahar, Ph.D.**  
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