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Dear Campus Community,

It is with a heavy heart that I inform you about the death of Dr. Lisa R. Shibley, Millersville University's beloved assistant vice president of Institutional Assessment and Planning. She passed away last night after a long and courageous battle with cancer.

Lisa was an amazing woman who continued to work at the University until her hospitalization last month. Her grace and professionalism under the most difficult circumstances was a lesson for all of us. Her dedication and commitment to our students, faculty and staff is unsurpassed and she has left behind a monumental legacy.

As a longtime member of the Deans' Council, Lisa was a valued and trusted member of the Academic Affairs leadership team. Because of her unique role working with vice presidents, deans, directors, department chairs and program heads across the University, she touched the lives of many Marauders. Everyone knew of her kindness, warmth and compassion. She was an inspiration to all of us. To me, she was a campus leader who truly practiced our EPPIIC values in her work and interactions.

Dr. Shibley was a key player in every major planning and assessment effort of Millersville for over a decade. She was one of the architects behind the University's current strategic plan "Our Bold Path." She served as one of the co-leaders of the committee that is developing our new Strategic Plan that will be launched in July. She was the glue that held together the Strategic Advisory Council and the All University Council. Her spirit will live on through our plan and impact students for the next decade and beyond.

We are indebted to Dr. Shibley for her work on our Middle States reaccreditation process. Ten years ago, she led the University's work with the "Rediscover Millersville: The 2010 Self-Study," and she was our leader in constructing our current Self-Study 2020 Report. Lisa served as our University's reaccreditation liaison officer and remained active with the Middle States Commission on Higher Education as a frequent reviewer and site team member. She also directed the efforts of the committee that worked diligently to ensure that MU received the 2020 Carnegie Community Engagement Classification.

Dr. Shibley joined the University in July 2007 after an extensive national search. In her position she worked with faculty and administration to finalize development and implementation of a systematic assessment plan across academic offerings, services and processes.

Before joining MU, Dr. Shibley served as the Planning, Research and Assessment Officer at Penn State Berks in Reading, Pennsylvania. As an expert in assessment and evaluation systems, she coordinated the design and implementation of program assessments for the college's associate and baccalaureate degree programs.

Dr. Shibley earned her Ph.D. in higher education administration with an emphasis in educational psychology from The Pennsylvania State University and a master's degree in counselor education with emphasis in higher education from the University of Wisconsin-Whitewater. Her bachelor's is from Western Illinois University, where she studied microbiology.

Funeral arrangements are pending. We will send an announcement to the campus community as soon as we have details.

Kindly send thoughts of peace to Dr. Shibley's family and friends. May our dear colleague rest in peace.

With much sorrow,

Daniel A. Wubah
University President