Position Sought: [COOL Committee](#)

Name	Division	Department	Faculty Status	Committee
Mohammed Akhoirshida	BCAT	CIS	Part Time - No REP	COOL Committee on Online Learning

Statement of Interest

1) Relevant Experiences and Background

With a Ph.D. in Electrical and Computer Engineering and over seventeen years of industry and academic experience, I bring a blend of technical expertise and a commitment to diversity and equity in education. My background spans roles in high-tech companies, such as Google and Apple, as well as faculty and leadership positions in academia, where I support students from diverse backgrounds in fields like engineering, psychology, and computer science. My roles have required working collaboratively across disciplines and advocating for inclusive teaching practices, which I also promote through active participation in programs like Year Up and events supporting underrepresented groups.

2) Importance of Diversity

Diversity on this committee is essential, as it brings a variety of perspectives, experiences, and ideas necessary to address complex challenges effectively. Disciplinary diversity allows us to approach issues from different analytical frameworks, making our collective solutions more comprehensive and innovative. Diversity in personal backgrounds and identities also enables the committee to better represent and understand the varied needs of our student body. A diverse committee fosters a sense of belonging, accountability, and respect, which in turn strengthens our institution's ability to serve all students equitably. This diversity-driven approach aligns with my commitment to creating inclusive and supportive educational environments.