Dear Campus Community,

I am pleased to announce that Mariam Lam, associate professor of comparative literature and Vietnamese, has been named associate vice chancellor for diversity and inclusion. She formally began her new duties on April 1.

Mariam joined UCR’s faculty in 2002 and currently serves as director of the Southeast Asian Studies Program, as well as vice chair of the Academic Senate. As associate vice chancellor, she will guide the strategic vision of our diversity efforts. In so doing, she will provide guidance to campus leadership and all UCR units in our efforts to recruit and retain diverse faculty, staff and students as well as ensure a campus built on equity, tolerance and mutual respect. Mariam is uniquely qualified to take on this critical responsibility, and I look forward to working with her in bolstering UCR’s status as a national model in diversity.

I want to thank Yolanda Moses for her years of service to UCR as Mariam’s predecessor in this role. Yolanda has been instrumental in creating the diverse campus community we enjoy today, and she is greatly deserving of our gratitude. I also express gratitude to the members of the search committee, including Cindy Larive, professor of chemistry and divisional dean of physical sciences and mathematics, who chaired the committee and Datasha Hudson who staffed the committee.

Please join me in congratulating Mariam in this new responsibility and thank you for all that you do for UCR.

Sincerely,
Kim A. Wilcox
Chancellor