Dear Colleagues,

I’m very pleased to announce that Ron T. Coley, now the associate vice chancellor of business and administrative services at the University of California, Berkeley, will become UC Riverside’s Vice Chancellor of Business and Administrative Services, effective July 1.

Ron brings excellent skills and broad experience to his new role at UCR, where he will oversee about 600 employees working in a variety of business and support services. These areas include financial services, human resources, payroll, parking, campus police, architects and engineers, physical plant, and environmental health and safety.

Similarly, at UC Berkeley, Ron’s 15-year tenure involved direct oversight of numerous business, finance, service and auxiliary operations. Among many accomplishments, he played a lead role in a procurement initiative that combines the purchasing power of UC Berkeley and UC San Francisco to create significant savings. He also was a key player in development of a UC program to help the university prepare for and recover from earthquakes and other major events.

Before joining UC, Ron spent six years as administrative manager for the county executive office of Orange County, California, with oversight responsibilities for public protection and safety-related agencies and departments. In 1992, he retired as a Lieutenant Colonel from the Marine Corps after 20 years of service.

Ron has a bachelor’s degree in business administration and industrial relations from Drexel University in Pennsylvania and an MBA from the Wharton School at the University of Pennsylvania. His wife is Soraya Coley, Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs at California State University Bakersfield.

I want to take this time to thank Chuck Rowley for his tireless leadership in the position of Interim Vice Chancellor. His thoughtful guidance has been invaluable in moving the campus forward during a time of significant change.
I also thank the search committee (listed below) and its chairman, Vice Provost of Undergraduate Education Steve Brint, for their efforts.

Sincerely,

Kim A. Wilcox
Chancellor

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