

## Chancellor's Update – February 2020

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Dear Campus Community,

Here is a quick look at some things happening in the Chancellor's Office and across campus.

### **Provost Search**

We are approaching the next milestone in our search for the next Provost and Executive Vice Chancellor at UCR. The search committee has solicited campus input, is narrowing the pool of candidates, and will conduct initial interviews in March. Thank you to each of the search committee members for their diligent work on this critical search. Finalists will visit the campus this spring and meet with a wide range of UCR stakeholders. For more information visit the [search website](#) and to provide input email [provostsearch@ucr.edu](mailto:provostsearch@ucr.edu).

### **Living the Promise Campaign**

Living the Promise is the university's first comprehensive fundraising campaign, with the goal of raising \$300 million by Dec. 31, 2020. I'm pleased to announce that we are presently 94 percent toward that goal. Another critical campaign goal is participation by major university stakeholders. In the coming months, stay tuned for more information about the 2020 faculty and staff giving campaign, which provides members of the campus community the opportunity to join me in helping UCR to cross the Living the Promise finish line.

### **Strategic Planning**

Each of the Strategic Planning committees is engaging in deep consultation and analysis at this stage of the process. Here's a short update from two of the committees.

The Research and Scholarly Distinction committee is hosting a Community Forum on Thursday, Feb. 27 at 1:30 p.m. to gain additional insights on how UCR can effectively identify, develop, and enhance research and scholarship. More details along with registration information can be found on the [UCR Events Calendar](#).

The Contributions to the Public Good Committee has conducted interviews with more than 40 leaders from across Southern California. In the interviews they have been exploring the greatest needs of our region, along with specific opportunities for UCR to contribute toward the well-being of our region, state, and beyond.

## **Alumni Roll Call**

On Feb. 1, UCR launched its first-ever Alumni Roll Call, a comprehensive effort to update alumni information and seek feedback on potential activities, programs, and career resources. More than 5,700 alumni have answered the call so far. If you work at UCR and are also one of our graduates, I encourage you to fill out the [Alumni Roll Call survey](#) and ask fellow alumni in your network to do the same. The online survey takes only 10 minutes to complete and respondents are eligible for some exclusive experiences thanks to several generous UCR alumni.

## **UC Agriculture and Natural Resources**

I'm honored to represent UCR as the chair of the Governing Council for UC Agriculture and Natural Resources, or UC ANR. Agriculture has been a part of the UC, and of UCR, from their foundings. The Governing Council was formed to help advise the President and Vice President for Agriculture and Natural Resources on long-term directions and strategies that will serve to strengthen system-wide efforts going forward. We are just beginning our work, but I will keep you informed of our progress in the months ahead.

With the Winter Quarter more than half gone and the pace picking up, I hope everyone finds ways to stay productive and supportive of each other.



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