

Vice Chancellor Retirement

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Dear Campus Community:

Michael Pazzani, Vice Chancellor for Research and Economic Development, has informed me of his intention to retire on April 1, 2019. He has served in the role for more than six years and will leave an impressive legacy of an expanded research enterprise at UC Riverside.

Much of our rising national prominence and research excellence are in large measure due to Michael's leadership. At UCR, he has overseen the growth of our research funding to historic levels. UCR research grants and contracts have increased by more than 68 percent in the past five years, resulting in performance that has helped us to achieve the profile of an AAU institution. His thoughtful and consistent mentorship of incoming faculty has further led to the highest number of NSF Career Awards in the UC system. Moreover, his leadership in economic development has helped generate successes such as the ExCITE Incubator.

Vice Chancellor Pazzani joined UCR in 2012 after a similarly-successful tenure as Vice President for Research and Economic Development at Rutgers University. His 40-year career spans higher education, the federal government, and private industry. Prior to Rutgers, he was a Division Director at the National Science Foundation and spent 17 years on the faculty at UC Irvine. He also served as co-founder and CEO of AdaptiveInfo, which produced software for the personalization of content on mobile devices.

Michael will retain an emeritus faculty appointment and continue his research on explainable machine learning.

We will conduct a national search for a new Vice Chancellor, and details regarding the transition and search process will be announced in the coming weeks. Please join me in recognizing Michael Pazzani for his significant contributions to UCR and wishing him well in retirement.

Sincerely,

Kim A. Wilcox
Chancellor