

Provost Cynthia K. Larive Appointed UC Santa Cruz Chancellor

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Dear UCR Community:

I write to share that after 14 years on the UCR faculty, our own alumna and Provost, Cynthia (Cindy) Larive, has been appointed the eleventh Chancellor of UC Santa Cruz, effective July 1st, 2019. It is a wonderful opportunity for Cindy and a wise selection by President Napolitano, but a bittersweet moment for UCR.

Cindy's thoughtful, gracious, authentic brand of leadership has been a distinguishing feature across the many roles that have led her to this moment. She joined the UCR faculty in 2005 and began her administrative service in 2012 as Chemistry Department Chair. She was appointed Divisional Dean for Physical Sciences and Mathematics in the College of Natural and Agricultural Sciences (CNAS) and served as Interim Dean in 2015-16. Cindy rose to the Provost role from her position as Vice Provost for Undergraduate Education.

Cindy's many accomplishments include securing WASC reaccreditation; working with Dean Kathryn Uhrich to recruit two Nobel Laureates to our faculty; making tremendous progress toward a 2:1 ratio goal of California resident freshmen to transfer students; and strengthening UCR's commitment to shared governance through increased consultation with our Academic Senate colleagues.

Although she is an accomplished bioanalytical chemist, many will remember Cindy for the positive ways in which she influenced our culture. As a role model of collegiality, Cindy has dedicated herself to the success of UCR students, faculty, and staff. She has had a personal role in improving graduation rates, advocating for increased diversity

among faculty and graduate students, and working to improve the climate for all members of our campus community.

On a personal note, I will miss Cindy's keen insight, collaborative spirit, and fearless optimism, as I know many will across UCR. But today, I'm proud to welcome her as a fellow Chancellor of the world's greatest public research university system.

I invite campus nominations for the Interim Provost, who will serve until Cindy's permanent successor is appointed. Please forward nominations for qualified candidates to interimprovost_search@ucr.edu by May 31st, 2019; please visit the Executive Searches [website](#) for additional information. Following consultation with the Academic Senate, we hope to have the Interim Provost in place by July 1st. A national search will be launched in the fall to identify the permanent Provost and Executive Vice Chancellor.

Finally, please join me in congratulating Cindy and wishing her well. We will have an opportunity to celebrate her many accomplishments on Monday, June 10th from 4:00-6:00pm at the Alumni & Visitors Center.

Sincerely,

Kim A. Wilcox
Chancellor