

Interim Provost Announcement

June 25, 2019

Dear Campus Colleagues:

I am pleased to announce the appointment of Dean Thomas M. Smith as Interim Provost and Executive Vice Chancellor, pending approval by UC President Janet Napolitano.

Tom's appointment will be effective July 1, 2019 and is expected to continue through June 30, 2020, or until the permanent Provost has been appointed. Tom previously served as Interim Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs during 2018; and he joined UCR in September 2014 as Dean of the Graduate School of Education (GSOE).

Under Tom's leadership, the GSOE expanded and diversified the faculty and student body, having hired 20 new tenure-line faculty, of whom 70% are faculty of color. Enrollment in teacher credentialing programs has almost doubled; and the school added an undergraduate major in Education, Society, and Human Development that grew into 350 students in less than two years. In addition, Tom chaired UCR's Transfer Student Task Force and served on the campus-wide Budget Advisory Committee. An announcement regarding the appointment of Interim Dean in GSOE will follow in the coming week.

I extend my thanks to all who submitted nominations for this important role, and in particular, to the search advisory committee members:

Gerry Bomotti, CFO and Vice Chancellor for Planning, Budget & Administration
Katherine Kinney, Planning & Budget Committee Chair and Associate Professor, English
Dylan Rodriguez, Academic Senate Chair and Professor, Media and Cultural Studies
Christine Victorino, Associate Chancellor

Finally, I wish to acknowledge the outstanding contributions made by Provost Cynthia K. Larive during her tenure at UCR, as we all wish her well in her new role as Chancellor at UC Santa Cruz. A national search to identify the next permanent Provost and Executive Vice Chancellor will commence in the fall.

Sincerely,

Kim A. Wilcox
Chancellor

A link to the campus announcement can be found [here](#).

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