

Vice Chancellor Announcement

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Dear Campus Community:

I write to provide an update regarding the Vice Chancellor for Business and Administrative Services (BAS) search. The search process identified a strong slate of qualified candidates for the position, and I am grateful to the search advisory committee for their diligence and thoughtful contributions.

The months-long process to identify a new Vice Chancellor provided an opportunity to reflect upon the desired skills and attributes for the position, as well as recognize the recent progress we've made under Vice Chancellor Gerry Bomotti's interim leadership of BAS. His prudent oversight has resulted in improvements and efficiencies in all areas of the BAS portfolio, which includes Auxiliary Services, Business and Financial Services, Environmental Health and Safety, Human Resources, and the UCR Police Department. In addition, Vice Chancellor Bomotti has instituted a robust financial plan to help sustain BAS's position as a central service provider for the campus.

To build upon this momentum, I am pleased to announce that Vice Chancellor Bomotti has agreed to serve as the permanent leader for both the BAS and Planning and Budget divisions. Over the next few weeks, Vice Chancellor Bomotti, Provost Larive, and I will be consulting with campus leadership and academic senate colleagues regarding this transition, and how best to leverage synergies and identify further efficiencies across the newly merged units. The administrative savings from these actions will be invested to provide support for faculty, staff, and students at UCR.

Importantly, the consolidated division will work closely with the Provost and her office to optimize our financial, planning, and administrative operations in support of our strategic goals and our overarching mission of research, teaching, and service.

Please join me in thanking Vice Chancellor Bomotti for assuming this larger role. Over the past year, Gerry has quickly established himself as an experienced, trusted, and valued member of the UCR community. Under his continued financial and administrative leadership, we are well-positioned to launch our next Long Range Development Plan (LRDP) and campus strategic plan, as well as work toward accomplishing our strategic goals in the years ahead.

Finally, I wish to reiterate my gratitude to Vice Chancellor Peter Hayashida (chair) and all the members of the search advisory committee listed below.

Sincerely,

Kim A. Wilcox
Chancellor

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