



Division of Finance and Administration

*A message from Chief Financial Officer and
Vice Chancellor Ronald S. Cortez*



Dear colleagues,

After an extensive search, I am pleased to announce Mary Ek has joined UCI as controller and assistant vice chancellor of Accounting & Fiscal Services effective October 4, 2021. Mary has extensive leadership experience in both higher education and corporate finance organizations. She recently served as assistant vice chancellor and controller for California State University Chancellor's Office overseeing financial services and reporting activity across 23 campuses. Prior to her time at CSU, Mary worked for The Boeing Company as the director of Defense and Space Procurement Financial Analysis Department where she led a team of 350 procurement financial analysts and managers. Mary received her MBA from UCI.

I extend my sincerest appreciation to Barry Oh, who has served as interim controller and assistant vice chancellor of Accounting & Fiscal Services since January 2021. Barry will return to his previous role and support our campus as associate controller.

I am grateful to the search committee, led by Mary Clark, for their hard work and contribution to the search process.

Please join me in welcoming Mary Ek to UCI and thanking Barry Oh for his service during the search process.

Sincerely,

Ronald S. Cortez, JD, MA (Pronouns: he/him/his)

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