



Dear DFA employees,

Throughout the month of April, UCI is participating in the [Cool Campus Challenge](#), a friendly systemwide competition to see which campus can do the most to lower its carbon footprint through simple sustainability actions. The competition aims to motivate support for the [UC Carbon Neutrality Initiative 2025 goal](#), launched by President Janet Napolitano in 2013.

I encourage each of you to participate in the online challenge and join team DFA. [UCOP is awarding prizes to top performers](#), and if we are among the top three UCI teams, I will sponsor a pizza party for those who participate on the team. With many of our departmental units already serving as campus leaders in helping UCI meet its sustainability and climate goals, I am certain DFA will be a leader in the Cool Campus Challenge.

Please take the following steps to register and start earning points:

- Sign-up at www.CoolCampusChallenge.org.
 - Use Firefox or Google Chrome for optimal experience.
- Upon completion of registration, select **Teams** from the toolbar.
 - Note: only the top 15 individuals of each team appear on the dashboard.
- Select **DFA** from the list of available teams to join, and click **Join Now**. One team per person.
- Earn points by working your way through the list of sustainability actions by selecting **Actions** in the toolbar.

I look forward to seeing everyone's sustainability and climate pledges.

Please email questions to Carrie Metzgar, Campus Physical & Environmental Planning, cmetzgar@uci.edu.

Sincerely,

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