



Dear colleagues,

The Division of Finance and Administration is **With U • For U**—working alongside you, in support of you. We are reducing administrative burden on campus, with a particular focus on serving our faculty. As you will read below, we are excited to introduce [ABO Mobile](#), a mobile version of the Award Balance Overview report for principal investigators and research administrators. If any members of our campus community have suggestions for how we can reduce the red tape, please let us know. In addition to providing an update on the services offered by DFA, I am pleased to share the following organizational changes within our division.

Assistant Vice Chancellor **Richard Demerjian** and his team joined DFA to leverage existing synergies that support implementing UCI's ambitious capital plan. Environmental Planning and Sustainability has been renamed to Campus Physical and Environmental Planning and will report to Associate Vice Chancellor Rick Coulon. Campus Physical and Environmental Planning will continue to work closely with the associate chancellor for sustainability on efforts to enhance campus sustainability.

Risk Manager **Christopher Richmond** joined DFA in January, and he is responsible for managing the campus Insurance and Risk Management program as well as co-chairing UCI's Risk Intelligence Committee. Christopher comes to us from University of California, Riverside where he collaborated closely with campus departments and stakeholders to promote a healthy, safe, secure, and productive work environment.

Emergency Management Director **Randy Styner** joins UCI with more than 18 years in various emergency management roles, and was with the California Office of Emergency Services (OES) as the Deputy Regional Administrator for the OES Southern Region that includes 11 counties, 226 incorporated cities, two nuclear plants, and a population of more than 21 million residents.

Please email WithUForU@uci.edu with any questions, suggestions, feedback, or comments.

Sincerely,

Ronald S. Cortez, JD, MA
 Chief Financial Officer
 Vice Chancellor, Division of Finance and Administration



Travel Policy Update
 UCI recently [updated its local travel policy](#). Of note, effective for all trips occurring on or after January 7, 2019, provided they are allowed by the funding source and their business purpose is explained, exceptional approval is not required for baggage, early check-in, and economy-class seat selection fees.

Mobile App Updates | With U • For U
 Quickly access services and resources on the go with DFA's free [mobile app](#). We are excited to introduce [ABO Mobile](#), a mobile version of the Award Balance Overview report for principal investigators and research administrators. Also, the [My Receipts](#) tool now allows for PDF file uploads in addition to images (.gif, .jpg, and .png).





Middle Earth Housing Expansion

Scheduled to open in this fall, Middle Earth will be expanded to house 494 new freshman beds, include a new fitness center, expanded dining commons, and housing support spaces. Click [here](#) to watch a recent time-lapse video.

OIR Tableau

The Office of Institutional Research (OIR) is rolling out new Tableau dashboards to display data in an interactive, user-friendly format. Click [here](#) to begin exploring.



Safety 2 U

In January, DFA departments hosted a three-day safety event in the engineering quad, providing the campus research community with convenient access to bike safety, personal protection equipment (PPE), fire extinguisher training, and education about the Community Safety Officer (CSO) program. Email WithUForU@uci.edu to request an event near your place of work.

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