



Division of Finance and Administration

*A message from Chief Financial Officer and
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To the Anteater community:

The University of California issued an updated [policy on Seismic Safety](#) in 2017 which recognizes the latest advances in geotechnical engineering and seismology, and requires that all UC buildings be evaluated using these stricter seismic standards. The policy has been in place since 1975 to provide an enhanced level of earthquake safety for students, employees, and the public who occupy university facilities.

As part of a systemwide initiative to comply with the updated policy, UCI is working with a team of consulting engineers to evaluate 415 campus and medical buildings totaling over 9 million square feet. Using seismic performance ratings, developed in collaboration with the state agencies, buildings are assigned a Roman numeral rating. A rating of III is generally a new building, while IV is acceptable, and V or VI triggers a more in-depth study to determine if a retrofit is required. To date, 123 of these buildings, representing nearly half of the total building area, have been evaluated:

- 23 buildings are rated III or IV and no additional work is required
- 100 buildings are rated V or VI and will require further study

Evaluations for the remaining buildings are in progress and will be completed by June 2020 after which UCI will prioritize and plan any required retrofitting work.

Additional information on this project and a current list of evaluated buildings with their ratings can be viewed at <https://cp.uci.edu/seismic.php>. FAQs will be available on the webpage early next week. Please contact Brian Pratt (bpratt@uci.edu; 949.824.1212), campus architect and assistant vice chancellor of Design and Construction Services, with questions.

Sincerely,

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