



Dear Colleagues,

Did you know that Administrative & Business Services (A&BS) employs approximately 900 people in 11 different departments? In addition, A&BS is responsible for supporting 8 million square feet, 170+ buildings, 14 miles of road, and 18,000 trees. It has been a primary focus, during my first 60 days as Vice Chancellor of A&BS, to get to know each unit and its people, understand our customer needs and look at how A&BS can help staff more effectively support the campus' academic and public services mission.

In order for A&BS to succeed in the future, we need to make sure we are organizationally structured to support the four aspirational pillars of [UCI's Strategic Plan](#). In accordance with Pillar Four: New Paths for Our Brilliant Future, we need to "align resources with strategic priorities to expand innovation and impact, ensure student success, and enhance community and global engagement."

As a result, I am pleased to share the following organizational enhancements with you, effective **Monday, May 1**.

As UCI continues to grow, both Facilities Management (FM) and Environmental Health & Safety (EH&S) will each have one leader to support the complexity of services these units provide.

I'd like to thank Marc Gomez for his dedicated service in leading both FM and EH&S for the past seven years. Marc Gomez will maintain management of EH&S and assume management of Risk Services, currently part of Purchasing & Risk Services, as Assistant Vice Chancellor of EH&S and Risk Services to leverage the natural synergies around risk and better evaluate, prioritize and mitigate campus risk. Contract Services will stay with Purchasing.

Karl Wolonsky will assume the position of Interim Assistant Vice Chancellor of Facilities Management. Karl has been a vital member of the UCI staff since 1979. As Assistant Dean in the School of Physical Sciences, he has contributed his expertise and management skills to advance the academic mission of the university. Karl's influence and history with the UC Irvine campus provides me great confidence that he will be an exceptional leader for Facilities Management.

In addition, Fleet Services will transition under Transportation & Distribution Services (T&DS) to combine all transportation initiatives. This alignment will help reach UCI's goal of zero emission as fleet moves toward electric vehicles.

Lastly, the Police Department will now report directly to me in order to highlight our focus on a positive and inclusive campus climate.

I am confident these changes will increase delivery of excellent service and high performance as our multiple business units focus on maintaining a safe and attractive environment for students, faculty, staff, and visitors; and providing professional services under A&BS.

We are in the process of updating applicable websites, stationery and other identifiers. We anticipate completion within the next few months and hope that any confusion associated with these changes are minimal. If you have questions about these changes, or ideas on how A&BS can improve our working relationship with you, please email absworkingforyou@uci.edu.

Sincerely,

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