Dear colleagues,

I am happy to report that UCI has made impressive progress in alignment with the goals set out in the strategic plan.

I am also thrilled to highlight some of our achievements, including:

- An increase in the number of high school seniors who selected UCI as their first-choice college
- Official completion of UCI’s transformation to a Hispanic-serving institution and an Asian American and Native American Pacific Islander-serving institution
- The launch of the UCI Engage initiative to support community-engaged research and teaching
- Instituting the Bright People, Brilliant Solutions human resources initiative and the Achieve staff performance program to improve organizational performance
- A $16 million overall increase in research expenditures (total $315 million)

Basic metrics detailing our actual and targeted performance are available to the general public on the strategic plan website. The full set of more detailed metrics is available on the ZotPortal for all individuals with UCInetIDs. Additionally, the Academic Planning Group developed six task forces in 2016-17 to focus on major aspects of the strategic plan, and the task force progress reports -- along with a report on administrative structures and one on inclusive excellence -- are on the ZotPortal. Making these measurements available to the UCI community and the public holds us accountable and enables us to assess our progress.

Thank you to all our campus partners who worked toward fulfilling the strategic plan goals and who provided the data necessary for each of these metrics.

Please send any questions or comments about the strategic plan to strategicplan@uci.edu.

Sincerely,

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