

**2022 UC-Coro**  
**Systemwide Leadership Collaborative**  
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### **ANDY SATOMI**

#### **Director, Academic Affairs IT, Space Planning and Management**

#### **UC Santa Barbara**

Andy Satomi is the Director of Space Planning & Management for Academic Affairs and the Director of Academic Affairs Information Technology (AAIT) at UC Santa Barbara, with over 24 years of experience on campus.

In his Space Planning & Management role, Andy serves as a senior advisor to the Executive Vice Chancellor in the area of physical space planning and all aspects of space allocation management, including analyzing, proposing, negotiating and implementing strategic plans for campus space allocation and management. In addition, Andy manages multiple, concurrent space projects, from planning through implementation, in coordination with partners across campus.

As Director of AAIT, Andy leads a team of professionals who provide IT services and support for the Office of the Chancellor, the Office of the Executive Vice Chancellor, Academic Senate, Office of the Vice Chancellor for Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion, Office of Budget and Planning, Office of Strategic Asset Management, Office of Campus Counsel, Academic Personnel, Academic Program Review, Audit and Advisory Services, Office of Education Partnerships, Office of Equal Opportunity and Discrimination Prevention, Office of the Ombuds, Office of Title IX and Sexual Harassment Policy Compliance, and the College of Creative Studies.

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### **ANGELA ANDRADE**

#### **Dean of Student Wellness**

#### **UC Santa Barbara**

Angela Andrade currently serves as the Dean of Student Wellness at UC Santa Barbara. In this role, she oversees and offers leadership to the departments of Recreation, Health and Wellness Programs, Student Mental Health Coordination Services, and Daily Nexus and Storke Publications. She also leads the campus threat management team and student behavioral intervention team and serves as chair for the UC Systemwide BIT Leadership Council.

One of the most rewarding aspects of Angela's role in the last few years has been partnering with student leadership on mental health initiatives and nurturing those powerful relationships.

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### **ANGELA GILLIARD**

#### **Director, State Health Policy, UC Health UC Office of the President**

Angela joined the University of California Office of the President (UCOP) in 2009. She is currently the Director of Health Policy for UC Health within UCOP. As the Director of policy, Angela works closely with experts and system leaders on a wide range of policy issues that impact UC health systems.

Before joining UC, Angela was the legislative advocate for the Western Center on Law and Poverty, providing a voice in Sacramento for low-income health consumers. Angela's career spans more than 20 years of service working to improve the health of all people living in California.

Angela received her law degree from McGeorge School of Law.

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### **ANGELINA GOMEZ**

#### **Director, UCPATH Employee Services**

#### **UC Office of the President**

Dr. Angelina Gomez has over 30 years of leadership experience in public and private organizations, including 10 years in the field of higher education.

She is an innovative leader who joined the University of California via the Riverside campus and transitioned to the UCPATH Center to help lead UC's priority initiative of implementing a single payroll, benefits, human resources and academic personnel solution for UC's 220,000 employees. As one of UCPATH's original 12 Trailblazers, she contributed to the on-boarding of each UC location and continues to partner with key stakeholders on process improvement and stabilization efforts. In her role as Director of Employee Services, Dr. Gomez is responsible for leading the development of department processes, practices and staff towards becoming a customer-obsessed organization.

Prior to joining the University of California, Dr. Gomez spent 25 years working and leading in shared service environment for global organizations, including Nestle Waters, USA and Avery Dennison, North America.

Dr. Gomez received her Doctorate Degree in Educational Leadership from California State University, San Bernardino.

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### **BRIAN OATMAN**

#### **Director, Risk and Safety Services**

#### **UC Agriculture and Natural Resources**

Brian has worked at UC for 27 years, including 10 years at UC Davis and 17 years with UC ANR. He has a Bachelor of Science degree in engineering management from University of the Pacific and has worked in health, safety, environmental protection and compliance for over 30 years.

In his role as Director of Risk & Safety, Brian's mission is to help colleagues complete their work in a manner that is safe and compliant. He tries to always keep colleagues' needs in mind and strives to find innovative or flexible solutions so they can get their work done with minimal disruption.

ANR employees have a wide variety of jobs, locations and clientele with whom they work. This diversity really keeps Brian's job interesting. He enjoys visiting the UC ANR offices and research centers around the state, meeting with academic and staff colleagues, and learning about the work they do in research, extension, youth development and education.

Over the past two years, Brian has led ANR's response to COVID-19, deriving plans and protocols to keep ANR's research and extension centers open and compliant with state and local health orders, while also ensuring that ANR employees could work safely, with the knowledge that ANR has the health of employees and clientele as a core value at all times.

In his free time, Brian enjoys sports, supporting his son's high school teams and the SF Giants. He also enjoys traveling with his wife, game nights with friends and family, and reading.

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### **BRYAN RUIZ**

#### **Director, Research Safety**

#### **UC Los Angeles**

Bryan Ruiz has been with the University of California for 16 years and currently serves as the Interim Assistant Vice Chancellor of EH&S and the Director of Research Safety for UCLA EH&S.

He received his undergraduate degree in Physics from McMaster University and attended Sheridan College for Statistics and Quality Management. He worked in the wine industry as a wine sales associate for the Wine Rack, the nuclear industry as a radiation technician and radiochemistry technician for Monserco/Energy Solutions Canada, where he analyzed a variety of environmental samples for radioactivity and conducted field sampling at several industrial sites across Southern Ontario. He eventually found his way to UCLA EH&S as a health physicist and worked his way to become the Radiation Safety Officer at UC Irvine in 2014, then the RSO at UCLA in 2015. In 2019, he became the Director of Research Safety, unifying the EH&S safety teams providing services to the research community.

As the Director of Research Safety, he is responsible for setting the vision and strategic plans for improving the safety culture within the research enterprise at UCLA.

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### **CHANSOTH HILL**

**Director, UCLA Events Office**

**UC Los Angeles**

Chansoth Hill is the Director of the UCLA Events Office, where she provides leadership and direction, and sets strategic goals. Chansoth has held various positions in the Events Office, with a progressive and increasing scope of responsibility and a history of demonstrated success.

Seven years ago, when she became the Director, Chansoth turned the Events Office from a deficit to a surplus within a year and had a yearly surplus that contributed to the department's accumulated earnings. She is proud of the fact that the surplus from events goes to support student programming and events.

Due to the need to have a designated authority and a comprehensive procedure to approve drone flights at UCLA, she formed the Drone Committee to develop and implement the drone approval procedure for the campus. She is also a member of the Time, Place, and Manner committee to review and revise the University policies pertaining to the use of University facilities, free speech and organized events.

Chansoth is passionate about University events. She contributes all her success to her team of event managers and scheduling coordinators. She builds her team with like-minded individuals who care about smart planning, customer service and collaboration. Chansoth believes that building and maintaining working relationships with various departments is essential in a University setting. The three guiding principles for her personally are positivity, accountability and dependability.

Chansoth Hill is a first-generation Laotian American and the first to graduate from college. She received her education at Cal State Northridge, with a bachelor's in Sociology.

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### **DWUENA WYRE**

#### **Senior HR Business Partner, Student Affairs UC Irvine**

Dr. Dwuena C. Wyre is the Senior Human Resources Business Partner in the Division of Student Affairs at the University of California, Irvine.

Dwuena's career in higher education began as an Assistant Professor at Indiana State University in the Department of Human Resources Development & Performance Technologies. Prior to joining UCI in February 2020, Dwuena served as Director of Professional and Organizational Development at Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology and Adjunct Professor at the University of Southern Mississippi in the School of Interdisciplinary Studies and Professional Development. Before her career in higher education, Dwuena worked in Louisiana state government as a learning and development administrator and human resources professional, which is where her interest and passion for mentoring and coaching began.

Dwuena earned her doctoral degree from the University of Southern Mississippi, Master of Public Administration from Louisiana State University and undergraduate degree from Grambling State University. Dwuena also previously completed the Association for Talent Development Expert Coach Program, UCI Coaching Foundations Certificate Program and Zappos Culture Camp.

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### **EDNA YOHANNES**

#### **Executive Director of Development, School of Medicine and Health Services UC Riverside**

Edna Yohannes, MBA currently serves as the Executive Director of Development at UC Riverside School of Medicine (UCR.) She has over 15 years' experience in executive senior management in healthcare academia and corporate environments. She is experienced in leadership, high profile projects management, partnership building and product/services management. She is part of a team that raised over \$300 million for UCR's first Living the Promise campaign and has developed multiple programs and outreach campaigns that helped raise millions of dollars over the years.

Prior to joining UCR, she worked at Charles. R. Drew University of Medicine and Science as Chief of Staff to the Office of the President as well as Liaison to the Board of Trustees and Board of Councilors, supervising staff and directing administrative, financial and operational activities. She led the formation of the President's Community Advisory Council in 2013, including the development of its governing charters. She also managed the implementation of three strategic plans and is well versed in WASC and other accreditation processes.

Edna received her MBA and Intercultural Studies degree from Biola University with distinction (summa cum laude) and her Baccalaureate of Science in Physics from Asmara University. Edna lives in Lakewood, CA.

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### **EMILY TRASK**

#### **Executive Director, Center for Student Involvement**

#### **UC San Diego**

Emily Trask has served as the Executive Director of the Center for Student Involvement at UC San Diego since 2005. She oversees a broad cross-section of student affairs work, including student organization advising, campus-wide events, sorority and fraternity life, community engagement, and communication and leadership initiatives. She has focused her professional pursuits on student learning and engagement outside of the classroom, equity-minded leadership, dialogue and restorative practices, and community engagement.

Emily has served as a Leaders for Equity Advancement and Diversity (LEAD) Fellow at UC San Diego and has taught courses in Educational Leadership and Student Affairs in Higher Education as adjunct faculty at San Diego State University. Her academic background includes a BA in Philosophy, an MPA in Public Administration and a Ph.D. in Higher Education Leadership.

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### **HEATHER VINOGRAD**

#### **Executive Director, Procure to Pay Solutions**

#### **UC San Diego**

Heather is the Executive Director of the Integrated Procure to Pay Solutions group at UC San Diego. In this role, Heather is responsible for fulfilling the strategic vision of the combined procurement, disbursements and logistics operations. She also leads the Campus

Partnership Program that strives to transform transactional relationships with new and existing suppliers to campus-wide partnerships providing mutual benefit. Prior to joining the university, Heather provided audit, tax and consulting services at a public accounting firm in San Francisco.

Heather graduated from the University of Arizona with a B.S. in Accounting and Finance and her master's in Leadership Studies from the University of San Diego. Heather holds a Certified Public Accountant (inactive) and a Certified Valuation Analyst (inactive) license. She is also recognized as a Leader for Equity Advancement and Diversity at UC San Diego.

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### **HELEN V. GRIFFITH**

#### **Executive Director, The Preuss School UC San Diego**

Dr. Helen V. Griffith was named Educational Pioneer by San Diego Magazine and one of their 50 people to watch in 2013. Her executive career has focused on redesign, school transformation and creating equitable educational systems. Dr. Griffith opened the newly constructed Lincoln High with a team of administrators, was founding principal of Millennial-Tech Middle and founding executive director of e3Civic High, which CNN Money named one of the top 41 most innovative K-12 schools in America.

After a nationwide search, Griffith was appointed as Inaugural Executive Director of The Preuss School UC San Diego by Chancellor Pradeep Khosla. “Griffith’s proven leadership in education and expert knowledge of the San Diego community make her a perfect fit as The Preuss School UC San Diego’s first executive director,” said Chancellor Pradeep K. Khosla.

Griffith earned the Doctorate of Education from San Diego State University in Educational Leadership, a master’s degree in Educational Technology and the Administrative Services Credential from the same institution, with honors. Dr. Griffith holds an undergraduate degree from the University of California, San Diego.

She continues to be a featured educator and to date, is the only educator in San Diego to have opened three new schools.

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### **INÉS CASILLAS**

**Professor, Chicana and Chicano Studies  
Director, Chicano Studies Institute  
UC Santa Barbara**

Dolores Inés Casillas is Professor of Chicana and Chicano Studies and Director of the Chicano Studies Institute (CSI) at the University of California, Santa Barbara. Her research focuses on immigrant engagement with U.S. Spanish-language and bilingual media, the representation of accented Spanish and English languages within popular culture, as well as the integration of Ethnic Studies within K-12 schools. She is the author of *Sounds of Belonging: U.S. Spanish-language Radio and Public Advocacy* (NYU Press, 2014), which received two book prizes; co-editor, with María Elena Cepeda (Williams College), of the *Companion to Latina/o Media Studies* (Routledge Press, 2016); and co-editor, with Mary Bucholtz and Jin Sook Lee (UC Santa Barbara), of *Feeling It: Language, Race and Affect in Latinx Youth Learning* (Routledge Press, 2018). Her current manuscript explores the politics of language learning and language play as heard through different media technologies.

Professor Casillas is part of a collaborative, community-based research project with Professors Mary Bucholtz (Linguistics) and Jin Sook Lee (Education). Together, they co-direct a multi-sited study about language, race and youth, with predominantly Latina/o students. Known as School Kids Investigating Language in Life and Society (SKILLS), students learn how to use the tools of language analysis to carry out original research and community action projects.

She is also co-convenor for the Sound Studies Caucus for the American Studies Association (ASA), Director of the Spanish and Bilingual Radio caucus for the Radio Preservation Task Force hosted by the Library of Congress and a regular contributor to *Sounding Out!*, a sound studies blog. She is also a Board Member of Adelante Charter School, a dual-language (Spanish-English) K-6 elementary school, and the Goleta Education Foundation (GEF), a non-profit that engages the community to invest in local public schools.

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### **JEAN CHIN**

#### **Director, Academic Personnel**

#### **UC Irvine**

Jean Chin is the Director of Academic Personnel at UC Irvine where she oversees academic compensation, data, and systems. An alumna of UC Irvine, she has almost 25 years working in various business units across the UCI campus and medical center. Jean started her 15-year career in Academic Personnel as a self-taught programmer and rose through the ranks becoming the academic data and compensation manager before taking on the role of director. Throughout her tenure, Jean has demonstrated her passion for improving business processes by transforming complex and technical concepts into user-friendly resources, creating innovative and elegant solutions for campus stakeholders.

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### **JENNIFER LEHMANN**

#### **Director, Leveraging Scale for Value Program**

#### **UC Office of the President**

Jennifer Lehmann currently serves as a Director in the Leveraging Scale for Value Program at UC Office of the President (UCOP). She oversees initiatives that aim to deliver increased efficiencies and promote collaboration and “system-ness” across UC Health. Jennifer is passionate about promoting the quadruple aim within healthcare: streamlining the patient experience, improving the health of populations, increasing healthcare affordability and value, and improving the work-life of healthcare providers and staff.

Prior to her current role at UCOP, Jennifer worked as a consultant for healthcare clients in the United States, Canada, Australia, New Zealand and other locations. She graduated from Auburn University with a BA in Anthropology and received her MPH from UCLA’s Fielding School of Public Health. She resides in Los Angeles with her husband, daughter and her charismatic corgi Archie.

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### **JOHN RENAUD**

#### **Associate University Librarian for Research Resources**

#### **UC Irvine**

John Renaud has served as the Associate University Librarian for Research Resources at the University of California, Irvine since 2013. In this role, John is responsible for a division that includes Collection Strategies, Digital Scholarship Services & Scholarly Communication, Special Collections & Archives and Technical Services. At the UC systemwide level, John serves on the UC

Libraries' Direction and Oversight Committee, the UC Libraries' Shared Content Leadership and the UC Libraries' Shared Print Strategy Team.

Previously, John held numerous positions at the University of Miami, including Director for Collection Strategies and Scholarly Communication. John holds a B.A. in philosophy & political science from American University, a M.Ed. from the University of Vermont and a MLIS from the University of Rhode Island.

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### **KIM MCDADE**

#### **Chief Financial and Administrative Office, University Advancement UC Riverside**

Kim McDade is the Vice President, Finance and CFO of the UC Riverside Foundation, and Chief Financial and Administrative Officer for University Advancement. She oversees University Advancement Administration, which encompasses talent management, human resources, budget and operations, gift administration, information technology and Foundation accounting. Kim

joined UC Riverside in early 2018 from the University of Delaware, where she served as the Senior Associate Director of Athletics for Finance, Analytics and Operations since 2016.

Prior to moving to Delaware, Kim was at the University of Michigan for more than 16 years, where she worked in various departments, including Gift Administration, Psychiatry, Comprehensive Cancer Center and Athletics, providing advancement and business operations. Kim earned a Master of Business Administration degree from the University of Delaware and a Bachelor of Business Administration degree with an accounting major from Eastern Michigan University.

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### **MADELEINE SORAPURE**

**Associate Dean, Division of Undergraduate  
Education and Teaching Professor, UCSB  
Writing Program**

### **UC Santa Barbara**

Madeleine Sorapure is an Associate Dean in the Division of Undergraduate Education at UC Santa Barbara, working with academic programs such as the Honors Program, Discovery Seminars and Interdisciplinary Studies courses. She is a Teaching Professor in UCSB's Writing Program and served as Director of the Writing Program from 2015-2021.

Sorapure has also served in leadership roles in the UCSB and UC systemwide Academic Senate, most recently as Vice Chair and then Chair of the Board of Admissions and Relations with Schools (BOARS). Her teaching and research focus on multimodal communication, with recent publications on rhetorical strategies in Covid-19 data visualizations that facilitate effective communication with non-expert audiences.

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### **MARIA ALDANA**

#### **Associate Dean and CFAO, School of Medicine Finance & Administration UC Riverside**

Maria Aldana is an Associate Dean and CFAO at the UC Riverside, School of Medicine (SOM), where she is responsible for the finance and administrative operations for the School. Moreover, she is a professional with over 15 years working in UC.

Prior to joining UC, Maria worked in the County of Orange, also managing financial operations. Maria earned a bachelor's in Accounting from Cal State San Bernardino and an MBA in Finance from the University of Redlands.

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### **MATT SPENCER**

#### **Executive Director of Development UC Irvine**

Matt Spencer has worked for more than 20 years in development and alumni relations roles, mostly within higher education. Currently, Matt serves as Executive Director of Development at University of California Irvine, overseeing advancement operations for the university's School of Medicine, School of Nursing, School of Pharmacy, proposed School of Public Health, the Susan Samueli Integrative Health Institute and a key clinical service line within UCI Health. As Executive Director of

Development, he also manages the lead advancement officers for the UCI Health Annual Fund and the UCI NatureScape Initiative, serves on the Health Advancement Leadership Team and generally plays an integral role in UCI's \$2B Brilliant Future Campaign, \$1B of which will be raised for health-related programs.

Prior to his appointment at UC Irvine, Matt held executive advancement positions at University of Utah, Weber State University and Colorado Mountain College, managing teams of 10 to 15 at each. He learned major gift and annual fundraising while serving as Associate Director of Development for the Daniels College of Business at the University of Denver (DU) from 2004-2006 and Associate Director of Development at the Sigma Alpha Epsilon Foundation from 2001-2004.

Matt has a Bachelor of Arts Degree in International Studies from Willamette University in Salem, OR; where he also played varsity football and spent time studying abroad at both the University of Havana (Havana, Cuba) and the University of San Francisco (Quito, Ecuador). Matt later earned a Master of Science in Sports Organization from Miami University in Oxford, OH, and it was here that he first began his career in development as a graduate assistant within the Miami Red and White Club (the fundraising arm of the Miami Athletic Department).

Matt lives in Mission Viejo, CA with his wife, Natanee, and son, Talon.

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### **MEREDITH D'ANGELO**

#### **Assistant Dean for Academic Affairs, School of Global Policy and Strategy UC San Diego**

Meredith D'Angelo is the Assistant Dean for Academic Affairs at the UC San Diego School of Global Policy and Strategy (GPS).

D'Angelo joined GPS in 2020 as part of the senior management team, to serve as advisor to the Dean, provide strategic leadership

for the School and oversee Admissions, Student Affairs and Career Services. Her current role focuses on delivering comprehensive resources and support to enrich the graduate student experience, from recruitment and admission through career and professional development. D'Angelo also advises on and executes equity, diversity and inclusion initiatives, academic program development and institutional partnerships.

Prior to joining UC San Diego, D'Angelo served as Assistant Dean for Student Affairs and Director of Graduate and International Programs at the University of San Diego School of Law. She launched successful initiatives to improve wellness programming and expand bar exam preparation resources, providing a foundation for law student success through holistic support. She has held executive board positions with the National Association for Law Student Affairs Professionals and the Professional International Educators Roundtable. D'Angelo also served on the State Bar of California's Moral Character Working Group, evaluating state-wide standards for moral character determination and developing guidelines for consistency and transparency in decision-making, with consideration for rehabilitative efforts undertaken by applicants.

She received her BA in English from the University of San Diego, her JD from the University of San Diego School of Law and is a member of the State Bar of California.

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### **MICHAEL SIMIDJIAN**

#### **Director, Academic Personnel**

#### **UC Los Angeles**

Michael Simidjian is the Director of Academic Personnel at the University of California Los Angeles and has been in that role since February 2021. As the Director of Academic Personnel, Michael advises UCLA senior leadership, Deans and Chairs, and academic personnel managers and coordinators regarding a broad range of matters including Academic Policy Manual and contract interpretation, academic appointments and personnel actions, leaves of absence and compensation. Previously, Michael worked

for over six years in Employee & Labor Relation.

Before joining UCLA in 2014, Michael spent seven years in private practice, specializing in public sector labor and employment law. Michael received his Bachelor of Arts in Economics from UC Berkeley and Juris Doctorate from Loyola Law School.

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### **MICHAEL VAN NORMAN** **Chief Technology Officer** **UC Los Angeles**

As the Chief Technology Officer, UCLA Information Technology Services, Michael is accountable for the strategies and management of institutional technical services. In this role, he oversees architecture, engineering and operations for University IT infrastructure, including the campus network, communications systems, data center, computing platforms, storage and ancillary support systems. Michael has worked in various capacities at UCLA since 1986, starting in the Library and then within the central networking and telecommunications team before taking on his current role.

In his off-time, he enjoys bird watching and amateur radio.

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### **NESTOR COVARRUBIAS**

#### **Director Transportation & Parking Services**

#### **UC Santa Barbara**

Nestor Covarrubias is the Director of Transportation & Parking Services at UC Santa Barbara. Nestor provides strategic vision and leadership for a department that serves students, staff, faculty and visitors of the UC Santa Barbara campus.

Nestor is an alum of UCLA where he earned Bachelor of Arts degrees in Political Science and Sociology. He earned his Master of Business Administration degree from California Lutheran University. Nestor began his career with the University of California at UCLA. Since then, Nestor has served in diverse administrative

leadership roles that include oversight of hospitality operations, custodial services, landscaping services, and transportation and parking services.

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### **ROSS DAMMANN**

#### **Assistant Vice Chancellor, Contracts and Grants**

#### **UC San Diego**

Ross Dammann is the Assistant Vice Chancellor for the Office of Contract and Grant Administration (OCGA), at UC San Diego. Under his leadership, Ross oversees a unit that reviews and formally submits over \$5B in proposals each year, resulting in total award obligations exceeding \$1B each of the last 10 years. He is responsible for the strategic leadership of contract and grant operations, ensuring UC San Diego's sponsored research portfolio complies with federal, state and university requirements, and provides effective stewardship over the solicitation, negotiation and acceptance of sponsored project funding received by UC San Diego.

Ross has held a number of different positions since joining UC San Diego in 2013, including Health System Performance Management Analyst, Health Sciences Business Intelligence and Managing Director of Operations for OCGA. Ross is an experienced strategic leader with a broad range of domain expertise, integrating innovative management techniques and operational excellence by leveraging people, processes and technology to drive efficiency and improve the customer experience. He has successfully led project teams and functional areas for over 10 years, across multi-functional departments within UC San Diego, within the industry/private sector and as part of consulting firms working with large Fortune 1000 companies.

Ross received his undergraduate degree in Psychology from the University of Oregon. He received his Master of Education from the University of Southern California, his MBA from UC Irvine and is a Lean Six Sigma Black Belt.

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### **SHEILA HEDAYATI**

#### **Executive Director, Environmental Health & Safety**

#### **UC Riverside**

Sheila Hedayati has over 22 years of experience in health and safety programs in higher education. While in graduate school for public health, Sheila interned at UC Irvine's Environmental Health and Safety office where she found her professional passion.

Sheila is currently serving as UC Riverside's Executive Director for the Environmental Health and Safety (EH&S) division. The division includes Occupational Health, Risk Management, Emergency Management, the UCOP Center of Excellence for Training and Education and EH&S. Since her arrival in 2018, UCR EH&S has been awarded the UCOP Presidential Award in Safety three years in a row, demonstrating her team's efforts in reducing the frequency of injuries and overall losses to the campus.

Prior to joining UCR, Sheila served as the Assistant Director of EH&S and Risk Services at UC Irvine, where her teams were routinely recognized nationally, with multiple awards through the Campus Safety Health Environmental Management Association (CSHEMA) and UCOP Risk Summit awards for collaboration and innovation in health and safety programs.

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### **SNEHAL BHATT**

#### **Chief Procurement Officer**

#### **UC Irvine**

Snehal is a compassionate and caring leader with experience leading global teams in North America, Europe and Asia. He was a Leadership Shadow Award nominee for outstanding coaching and mentoring abilities and has a proven track record of changing company culture from “Finger pointing and blaming” to “Teamwork” and “Why things cannot be done and giving excuses” to “How to find solutions and get things done”. He values honesty and integrity, and believes in performing duties with selfless devotion. His passions include continuous improvement and applying Lean/Six Sigma principles in everything he does. Never afraid of taking on new challenges and converting them into opportunities, Snehal has strong business acumen, is results oriented and always focused on customer needs.

His background includes extensive strategic and hands-on experience in the automotive industry, renewable energy and higher education. Accomplishments include having generated \$150M+ in savings for multi-national organizations and Higher Ed Institution by implementing global supply chain and operational excellence initiatives. He has led small teams of 10-15 people up to 600 employees and managed sourcing function with up to \$350M in spend. He has international experience from having lived and worked in China, India and the US.

Snehal holds BS and MS degrees in Mechanical Engineering.

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### **VICTOR ORTIZ**

#### **Principal Campus Counsel — Health UC Riverside**

Victor Ortiz, Esq. is the Principal Campus Counsel for health-related matters in the Office of Legal Affairs at the University of California Riverside (“UCR”).

Victor joined UCR in 2020 as Senior Counsel – Health. In his current role, Victor supports all facets of health-related endeavors on the UCR campus and actively supports the health care team of the Office of General Counsel under the University of California Office of the

President. Victor previously held attorney positions with The Johns Hopkins Health System in Baltimore, L.A. Care Health Plan in Los Angeles and CareLink, LLC (an MSO that caters to smaller sized health care provider organizations) in Irvine, along with positions at two Los Angeles based boutique law firms focused on litigation. Additionally, Victor has been an active committee member for the Health Care Law Section, Corporate Law Department Section (for in-house attorneys) and Barristers Section of the Los Angeles County Bar Association, as well as an active member of the American Health Lawyers Association and the Health Care Compliance Association.

A native of Chicago, Victor attended Indiana University – Bloomington for his undergraduate studies and received his law degree and a certificate in business law from the Illinois Institute of Technology’s Chicago-Kent College of Law. During law school Victor was a member of the mediation trial team, an active member and officer for various student organizations, co-editor and author for a law journal, interned for the Cook County State’s Attorney and for Mitsui Rail Capital, LLC in Chicago and had the privileged to act as both a state and federal judicial external. Victor also is Certified in Healthcare Compliance through the Compliance Certification Board.