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UCR CAMPUS COMMUNITY

RE: Dr. Russell Vernon Named Director of Environmental Health and Safety

Dear Colleagues,

I am pleased to announce the selection of Dr. Russell Vernon as the new Director of Environmental Health and Safety (EH&S), effective 01/05/11. Under the guidance of Associate Vice Chancellor Mike Miller, he will direct EH&S operations focusing on promoting a safe and healthy campus environment.

Earning his Ph.D. in Chemistry at UCSD, Dr. Vernon possesses over 16 years of experience in academic laboratory and research safety. He has been instrumental in the implementation of campus laboratory standards, including the maintaining and updating of lab specific chemical hygiene plans, accident root cause investigation, exposure prevention, hazardous materials use, storage, and disposal. Additionally, Dr. Vernon manages the campus lab safety audit, integrated waste, and campus emergency planning, preparedness, and response programs. Prior to arriving at UCR in February of 1999, he held a postgraduate researcher position at Scripps Institution of Oceanography and has served as a lecturer at UCSD, where he also managed the teaching laboratory safety program.

Please join me in wishing Dr. Vernon success in his new role as EH&S Director. I am sure UCR will continue to be well-served by his dedicated efforts.

Sincerely,



Gretchen S. Bolar
Vice Chancellor
Finance and Business Operations