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Subject: Graduate Division's Assistant Dean of Diversity, Inclusion and Admission to Transition to Student Affairs

UCLA Graduate Division

Deans, Directors, and Department Chairs

I write to inform you that Anne Dela Cruz, Assistant Dean of Diversity, Inclusion and Admissions (DIA) in the Graduate Division, has accepted a position as Executive Director of Student Affairs Initiatives here at UCLA. Anne's last day with the Graduate Division will be on December 31, 2017.

Anne came to the Graduate Division from the Anderson School of Management, where she served as Assistant Director of Operations at the part-time MBA career center. During her six years with the Graduate Division, she successfully shaped DIA as a unit that integrates and champions diversity, inclusion and admission. Anne significantly increased the visibility of UCLA graduate programs through strategic and collaborative recruitment travel, customized campus visits for special pipeline programs, and workshops and panels for prospective students that were well received and in high demand. She and her team expanded working relations with campus partners such as the UCLA LGBT Center, Bruin Resource Center, and with other programs serving underrepresented populations. She was instrumental in streamlining admission offer processing through the use of technology and seasonal employees, many of whom found permanent employment on our campus. She led her team each summer in hosting CSU Pre-doctoral Scholars and incoming doctoral students in STEM through the Competitive Edge program.

Anne has had a significant impact on graduate education at UCLA through her work with faculty and students at Minority Serving Institutions. Her success in building collaborations between faculty at UCLA and Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs) led to UCLA winning more UC-HBCU Initiative awards than any campus. She and her team helped establish the UCLA chapter of the Bouchet Honor Society. Anne was also instrumental in implementing our NSF-Alliance for Graduate Education and the Professoriate (AGEP) and Mellon Transforming Graduate Admission (TGA) grants with peer institutions.

The Graduate Division will be posting a job announcement for Anne's successor soon. We hope to have a new Assistant Dean of DIA onboard in January.

Anne will be missed by all of us. Please join me in thanking her for her tremendous service to the Graduate Division, and in wishing her well in her new position.

With best regards,

Robin L. Garrell

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