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Subject: Appointment of New Associate Dean in the Graduate Division

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To: Deans, Directors, Department Chairs, and Faculty

I am delighted to announce the appointment of Renate Lux as the new Associate Dean in the Graduate Division, effective November 2019.

Renate is a Professor at the School of Dentistry in the Sections of Periodontics and Oral Biology. She earned her PhD in Molecular Biology at the University of Osnabrück (Germany) and served as a research associate there and at the Albert Einstein College of Medicine before coming to UCLA in 1999. A dedicated mentor of graduate students and postgraduate trainees, Renate's current research focuses on oral biofilms in the context of the oral microbiome and interspecies interactions. She has served on numerous committees in the School of Dentistry, including both PhD and DDS admissions, and also co-chaired its Research Advisory Group. Renate was a member of the Academic Senate Faculty Grants Program Committee and then the Graduate Council (2016-19), serving as co-chair of its Committee on Degree Programs in 2018-19.

Renate brings to the Associate Dean role a broad knowledge of graduate programs across the campus and a deep commitment to student success, effective mentoring and program improvement. Professor Lux joins Professor Susan Ettner, who is continuing as Associate Dean in the Graduate Division. They will share responsibility for liaising with campus departments and programs, advancing diversity and excellence in graduate education, and working with the Graduate Council and departments to ensure that graduate students and postdoctoral scholars have the resources they need to be successful at UCLA and in their future careers. Professor Carlos Grijalva will continue to serve as Associate Dean for Special Projects throughout the current academic year, with primary responsibility for the UC-HBCU initiative, the Mellon Foundation-supported AMIGA project to advance holistic graduate admissions practices, and related initiatives.

I take this opportunity to thank the search committee members for their very important work: Associate Dean Susan Ettner, Professor Joseph Loo, Professor Robert Cooper, past-Assistant Dean April de Stefano, Assistant Dean Ana Lebon and Diversity, Inclusion & Admissions Officer Joshua Hernandez.

Please join me in welcoming Renate Lux to her new position in the Graduate Division.
With best regards,

Robin L. Garrell
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