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Dear campus community,

Please join me in congratulating Jennifer Brown, vice provost and dean of Undergraduate Education. Earlier today she was named provost of Cal Poly Pomona.

Jennifer has had a huge impact on undergraduate education in her four-year tenure at UCR. Among many successful projects, her office spearheaded a partnership with ITS on the [RISE classrooms](#), which equipped all 110 general assignment classrooms with new video and audio equipment to support in-person and virtual instruction. [Campus Collective](#), a text messaging program designed to connect continuing students with first-year and transfer students, launched in 2020. To build an ecosystem of learning that will help students weather the long-term effects of the pandemic, her office developed [a panoply of initiatives](#) aimed at helping students form better connections with each other and to attain stronger achievement outcomes, higher graduation rates, and increased satisfaction with their college experience.

Two other notable achievements include development of the Exploration Center for Innovative Teaching and Engagement, or [XCITE](#), and the [ScottyBot](#) chatbot resource.

Jennifer's influence will remain strong in so many areas of undergraduate education that her presence will continue to be felt even though we will miss her tremendously. She leaves behind a solid platform on which we can continue to build structures that support student success.

Jennifer's last day at UCR will be March 18. We wish her much success at Cal Poly!

Details about interim leadership of Undergraduate Education will be forthcoming in the near future.

Sincerely,

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