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MEMBERS, MERCED DIVISION OF THE ACADEMIC SENATE
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Dear Colleagues:

I am writing to invite your participation in the Academic Senate stewardship review for Chancellor Dorothy Leland. Chancellors undergo this type of review at five-year intervals. Having been appointed as Chancellor in May 2011, this will be the first such review for Chancellor Leland.

The stewardship review is a long-standing practice that complements ongoing and annual evaluation processes conducted by the President. The Academic Council developed specific review guidelines, as well as criteria for review committees. These materials were most recently revised in 2012, and received presidential approval.


Consistent with policy and procedures set forth, the stewardship review is conducted entirely by the Academic Senate; it does not involve any member of the administrative or executive staffs at either the campus or the Office of the President. The result is a report submitted to me in confidence from an Ad Hoc Review Committee. That report includes comments from all Division members who elect to submit feedback, input from a subset of members active in Division affairs during the past five years, and a report from the current and former Division Chairs. I then meet separately with the Division Chair and Chancellor to discuss the report, which is instructive with respect to the Chancellor's annual review.

At my request, Academic Council Chair Dan Hare has initiated the stewardship review for Chancellor Leland. I understand UC Merced Division Chair Christian Ricci will forward a transmittal similar to this one to invite contributions from Senate members. That letter and/or subsequent local communiques will include more information about the logistics and timing for providing comments.

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I encourage you to participate in the Chancellor's review, and I want to thank you in advance for your efforts.

Yours very truly,



Janet Napolitano
President

cc: Chancellor Leland
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Academic Council Vice Chair Chalfant
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