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Dear Colleagues:

Chancellor Dorothy Leland is scheduled for a review of her stewardship¹ of the Merced campus during the past five years. [President Napolitano requests that the Academic Senate begin this process.](#)

Chancellors undergo this kind of review at five-year intervals. Having been appointed as Chancellor in May 2011, this will be the first such review for Dr. Leland.

The Chancellor's Stewardship Review is a long-standing practice that complements ongoing and annual evaluation processes by President Napolitano. The Academic Council, chaired by Dan Hare, developed specific [review guidelines](#), as well as [criteria](#) for review committees. These materials were revised in 2012, and received presidential approval. They are available on the [Senate website](#).

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 campus or the Office of the President. The result is a report submitted to President Napolitano in confidence from an Ad Hoc Review Committee. The report includes comments from all Division members who chose to submit feedback, input from a subset of members active in UC Merced Division affairs during the past five years, and a report from the Chair of the Division. President Napolitano then meets separately with the Chair of the Ad-Hoc Review Committee, the Chair of the Academic Council, the Merced Senate Chair, and with the Chancellor to discuss the report, which is instructive with respect to the Chancellor's annual review.

President Napolitano and I invite you to leave your comments by writing to the following email:
UCM.Chan.Review@ucop.edu

You will have the remaining days of April to submit your comments. I truly encourage you to participate, and would like to thank you in advance for your efforts.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Cristian Ricci".

¹ Review Documents are available here: <http://senate.ucmerced.edu/news/2015-chancellor%E2%80%99s-stewardship-review>

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