

Date: Thursday, April 16, 2020 To: <u>ucrfacultyandstaff@scotmail.ucr.edu</u> Subject: UCR Strategic Planning Campus Update

Dear Campus Community,

I hope this message finds you well. As we have all had to do in these unsettled times, the Strategic Planning Steering Committee has adjusted its working efforts to adapt to operations under the COVID-19 closure. Both our March 12<sup>th</sup> and April 14<sup>th</sup> Steering Committee meetings were cancelled, however, our steering committee and working groups have continued making progress all the same. Please find some updates below:

## **February Meeting Minutes**

The February 13<sup>th</sup> Steering Committee Meeting Minutes are now posted.

## **Virtual Breakout Sessions**

In lieu of our March Steering Committee Meeting, we held three virtual breakout sessions. Through discussion, members began identifying several overarching strategic goals for the University to serve as pillars of the new strategic plan. The <u>Combined Breakout Session Notes</u> are posted on our <u>Strategic Planning Resources Page</u>.

## Working Group Report Deadline Changed, Project Timeline Revised

Working groups now have until the end of October to turn in a final draft of their report. In addition to desiring more time to develop their work, several groups want to discuss their emerging recommendations with stakeholders on and off campus before finalizing their reports—something that will be easier to do with an extended deadline. As the working groups move toward completion of their reports, their ideas will inform development of the University strategic plan over the summer.

We now anticipate sharing a draft of the strategic plan with the UCR community for review, discussion and feedback in a variety of forms in November and December 2020. For more information on our process and timeline, visit our <u>Strategic Planning Process Page</u>.

## **Community Forums Postponed**

The Unparalleled Student Experience and Contributions to the Public Good working groups have both postponed their community forums that were originally scheduled for this month. We anticipate that the extended report timeline will allow for greater UCR and broader community engagement with these reports and look forward to offering opportunities for engagement in the Fall Quarter.

Remember to send your questions and comments to strategicplan@ucr.edu.

Sincerely,

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