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Dear DFA colleagues,

As you learned from the Chancellor's announcement, I am leaving UCI to begin a new position at the Smithsonian Institution in Washington D.C. as Under Secretary for Administration beginning December 6, 2021.

While I am excited for the next chapter in my career, I will miss my DFA family. I want to express my appreciation to each of you for our time spent working together over the last five years. Working with the talented people in DFA has truly been a highlight in my career. As I reflect on my time at UCI, I am filled with pride knowing how we all worked together as a team to support our campus community as planning partners, problem solvers, and solution providers—truly emulating our tagline of **With U • For U**.

Thank you all again, and I look forward to working with you over the next months.

With gratitude,

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