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Dear DFA colleagues,

Next week I begin my new chapter at the Smithsonian Institution. I take with me the memories of our incredible journey during my time at UCI. From our teambuilding picnics, employee town halls, coffee chats, and the launch of professional development programs to our transformative campus work of new buildings, infrastructure improvements, and customer service mindset, it has truly been a pleasure and a privilege to work with you.

I leave UCI knowing the employees of DFA will continue to flourish and work towards advancing UCI's brilliant future. DFA has a great culture which genuinely embraces and supports values of health & safety, diversity & inclusion, integrity, teamwork, and change & innovation. UCI is a world-class institution with world-class employees at the foundation—I look forward to seeing wonderful things unfold as UCI continues its forward trajectory!

With appreciation,

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