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FR: JAMES ANTONY, Dean of The Graduate Division

SUBJ: New Assistant Dean for Academic Affairs in The Graduate Division

Dear Colleagues:

It is with great pleasure that I announce Erica Lennard as the next Assistant Dean for Academic Affairs in The Graduate Division. She will begin her role on July 19, 2021.

Many of you know, and have worked closely with, Erica. She has been dedicated to serving our faculty, students, and staff throughout her extensive career at UC San Diego, a career that has so far spanned 20 years. For the past decade, she has served as the Director of Student Affairs and Industry Relations in the Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry, overseeing their large and complex graduate and undergraduate programs. Prior to her role in the Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry, she served as the Manager of the Department of Psychology Student Affairs as well as Human Resources Units. Her commitment to UC San Diego has been broad, and has included earlier work in several other units, such as the Qualcomm Institute (Calit2), the Department of Literature, UCSD Extension, and the California Student Opportunity and Access Program (Cal-SOAP). Throughout these experiences, Erica has been a valuable member of numerous cross-campus committees, including workgroups associated with graduate education as well as strategic planning. As a proud UC San Diego alumna, Erica remains committed to the student-centered mission of our campus.

I am confident Erica will bring a valuable perspective and expertise into her new role within The Graduate Division, and that she is poised to collaborate with all of you as we continue to collaborate in our pursuit to support graduate education.

Please join me in welcoming Erica Lennard to her new role as Assistant Dean.

Jim

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