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Dear Colleagues:

With your support, I launched the Carbon Neutrality Initiative, which commits UC to emit net zero greenhouse gases from its buildings and vehicle fleet by 2025, something no other major research university has done. In February 2015, I approved 17 research, education, operations, and outreach projects focused on leveraging faculty expertise and student creativity to make the UC Carbon Neutrality Initiative a reality. I am writing today to inform you about two new faculty engagement and education projects that are integral to the success of this Initiative. This spring, we will be seeking faculty leaders from each campus for a Faculty Curriculum Workshop and Networking Events, and a Faculty Climate Action Champion program.

The Faculty Engagement and Education Working Group of the Global Climate Leadership Council (Co-Chaired by UC Merced Provost Tom Peterson and UC Irvine Sustainability Initiative Director Abby Reyes) will be coordinating these projects. Working Group members representing each campus will take the lead in working with the campus EVCs and Academic Senate leadership to select faculty representatives to participate in these important programs.

Here is a brief summary of each project:

1. Faculty Curriculum Workshop and Networking Events

Each campus will be allotted \$35,500 to boost climate neutrality and sustainability education across their campus. This funding will support a curriculum workshop and a networking event to engage faculty members who choose to infuse climate change and sustainability concepts into existing courses across disciplines. Each campus will be asked to identify two co-leaders for the workshop and networking event, who will attend a systemwide training session in Fall 2015. Each campus is expected to host a workshop for 20 faculty members during the 2015-16 academic year, with a follow-up networking event in 2016-17 that will be open to all faculty and that will showcase the revised courses. Enriching existing courses in this way is very cost-effective and enhances the educational experience of many students, especially those for whom sustainability may not be a focus. Each campus should identify two co-leaders by June 19, who will attend the Fall 2015 training session.

2. Faculty Climate Action Champion Program

The Faculty Climate Action Champion Award incentivizes and supports faculty engagement in climate change research, teaching, and engagement. Each campus will be allotted \$25,000 to distribute to a selected faculty "champion" and \$5,000 for events and related programming costs connected to the champion's work. The awards provide institutional support for one exceptional faculty member to deepen climate change teaching and research on each campus. Selected champions and their projects are intended to help meet and focus student demand for climate action and education. The champions should also inspire a wider range of faculty to take up the challenge of engaged research and education to achieve carbon neutrality. Each campus should select a Faculty Climate Action Champion by September 15, 2015, for the semester campuses and by October 15, 2015, for the quarter campuses.

The Faculty Engagement and Education Working Group of the Global Climate Leadership Council will be coordinating these projects and working with faculty champions to develop a plan and associated milestones. Please support your campus's Working Group member to execute this work. Attached is a more detailed description and timeline for each of these projects. I ask that each campus adhere to these timelines as a condition of this funding. If you have questions, Claudia Martinez, Deputy Director for Diversity and Engagement, will be pleased to speak with you. She can be reached by email at Claudia.Martinez@ucop.edu.

I am hopeful that this one-time funding will augment existing efforts, inspire and develop new leaders, and help each campus celebrate innovative research and teaching in carbon neutrality and sustainability. Thank you for your ongoing partnership and dedication to the UC Carbon Neutrality Initiative.

Yours very truly,



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President

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Global Climate Leadership Council Faculty Engagement and Education Project Timelines

1. Faculty Climate Action Champion Program

- a) By June 5, 2015, form a faculty-majority selection committee to implement the Faculty Climate Action Champion Program (or assign the implementation of this program to an existing working group or committee that has a majority of faculty members). Campuses are encouraged to include appropriate non-faculty members such as sustainability staff in this committee as well. This committee will circulate the call for proposals, select the champion, identify the campus unit to receive and distribute the funds, and monitor the progress of the program.
- b) By September 15, 2015, for the semester campuses and by October 15, 2015, for the quarter campuses, each campus should select a Faculty Climate Action Champion. Campuses on the quarter system are encouraged to conduct their selection process before the end of this academic year, if possible.

2. Faculty Curriculum Workshop and Networking Event

- a) By June 1, 2015, identify the unit that will serve as the administrative host for the workshop and networking events. The administrative host will support the faculty co-leaders in planning and communications for the workshop and networking events and will administer funds to faculty participants.
- b) By June 19, 2015, identify two faculty co-leaders who will plan and lead the workshop and networking event. Leaders will be supported and trained by attending a system-wide training session in Fall 2015. The training session is cost-free, with the exception of travel costs that should be provided by each campus. Co-leaders each receive a \$1000 stipend. At least one of the leaders should be a member of the Academic Senate.
- c) By June 1, 2016, host a Faculty Curriculum Workshop for 20 faculty members. Each campus is provided \$1,500 to hold a workshop designed to inspire and support 20 faculty members in developing ideas about how to integrate sustainability and carbon neutrality into their existing courses. Faculty members volunteer to participate. Following the workshop, each participant is provided up to \$1000 toward enhancing their course appropriately (e.g., develop new materials, purchase demonstration equipment, etc.).

- d) By December 1, 2016, host a Faculty Networking Event open to all interested faculty. Each campus is provided \$1000 to hold a Faculty Networking Event that is open to all interested faculty and showcases the workshop participants' revised courses. Following their participation in the Networking Event, workshop participants each receive \$200 in compensation.

- e) Each campus is provided \$7,000 for a part-time graduate student to assist with planning, communications, and implementation of the workshop and networking events.

Please submit the following information to Claudia Martinez (Claudia.Martinez@ucop.edu), Deputy Director of Diversity and Engagement and staff lead for the Global Climate Leadership Council's Faculty Engagement and Education Working Group, by the deadlines stated above:

1. Faculty Climate Action Champion selection committee roster;
2. Faculty climate action champion selection;
3. Curriculum workshop administrative host unit; and
4. Curriculum workshop and networking event co-leaders.