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Dear Colleagues,

As many of you prepare to administer final exams and assignments for the winter quarter, we just wanted to let you know how students and parents have been informed about changes to our usual procedures. Please see below a message that was sent out Friday morning from the office of the Vice Provost of Teaching and Learning/Dean, Division of Undergraduate Education. As you have already heard directly from Vice Provost Dennin and from many of your deans, we encourage you to be flexible this week and, needless to say, to do so in a way that is fair to all students.

Yours,
James Steintrager
Chair, Academic Senate

Jeffrey Barrett, Chair Elect, Academic Senate



The administration, faculty and staff at UCI are working diligently to ensure continuity of education while protecting the health and welfare of our community. Today, we are writing to acknowledge the many questions and concerns about final exams and the determination of grades for winter quarter. We recognize that the lack of concrete information can be frustrating. Please know that we are doing everything we can to provide students the resources and support they need to provide as smooth a conclusion to the winter quarter as possible.

Next week, we will be administering final exams remotely, with reliable proctoring software or other similarly secure mechanisms that safeguards the integrity of the process. Faculty have a considerable amount of discretion in their choice of alternative methods of assessment. Given this, final assignments may be given in a variety of ways. Students should be on the lookout for instructions on final exams and alternative final assignments from their instructors.

Only individual faculty members have the requisite information about their classes, their students, and about how assessment has taken place during the rest of the quarter. Given the rapidly evolving situation, please understand that faculty are working to make these adjustments as quickly as possible. We appreciate your patience as the campus works diligently to provide students with the resources and information they need during this time. Maintaining the fairness and accuracy of grades is essential, and we are committed to a manner of alternative course and exam delivery that is fully in keeping with our academic and instructional mission.

We will be communicating regularly so that you have the most up-to-date information about campus operations. Please know that a housing and dining fee message is coming soon from UCI's Student Affairs division.

Yours.

Michael Dennin

Vice Provost of Teaching and Learning and Dean, Division of Undergraduate Education

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