Provost’s Report

Reaccreditation (WASC Senior College and University Commission)
On April 25th, Dr. Hector Sambolin, one of the WSCUC team reviewers, visited the Irvine Center. Hector met with faculty, staff, and students and toured the classrooms and centers at Irvine. Hector appreciated the honest conversations and was especially impressed with the excellent support services and experiences students receive at Irvine.

On April 30th, the WSCUC Steering Committee and President Virjee will participate in the off-site review with the WSCUC review team. This video conference will involve the WSCUC reviewers giving us a preliminary response to our report which will include the lines of inquiry (themes outlined by WSCUC before the visit). I will keep you updated as we learn more.

33rd Annual CSU Student Research Competition
As a researcher and educator, it’s always a joy to see the results of the hard work of our students and faculty. Cal State Fullerton hosted the 33rd Annual CSU Student Research Competition, and I had the privilege of attending on April 27th. I want to thank Drs. Chris Liu, Nathalie Carrick, and Terri Patchen, along with the staff of the Office of Research and Sponsored Projects, who made this event a success.

We had 275 students take part from 22 of the CSUs. I’m proud to announce that out of the eight sessions in which our CSUF students participated, three of them won awards for their work. Here are the impressive results:

2nd Place - Behavioral and Social Sciences, Undergraduate:
Kendra Paquette, Jessica Barragan, CSU Fullerton
When a Perpetrator Wears a Disguise: Which Lineup is Best to Test Eyewitness Memory

1st Place - Biological and Agricultural Sciences, Graduate:
Evelyn Bond, CSU Fullerton
The Role of Genital Papillas in the Reproductive Biology of Male Surfperches (Embiotocidae; Teleostei)

1st Place - Engineering and Computer Science, Graduate:
Thilakraj Shivakumar, CSU Fullerton
The Effects of Process Parameters on Mechanical Properties in Liquid Holographic Volumetric Additive Manufacturing Process

McNair Scholars Research Symposium
I had the privilege of attending the McNair Scholars Research Symposium on April 26th. The students and their research are so inspiring. They do such phenomenal work as scholars here and after they graduate. One of our alums, Dr. Erica Lizano, a former McNair Scholar will be returning to our campus this fall as an Assistant Professor in the Department of Social Work. It is always wonderful to see our students succeeding and returning to give back to campus.