

## **A MESSAGE FROM PROVOST HUME**

I am writing to inform you of two organizational changes at the Office of the President designed to enhance our effectiveness in the coming months as we confront difficult fiscal challenges at the state level.

Firstly, I have decided, after consultation with Executive Vice President Bruce Darling, to have the Sacramento Governmental Relations office, now under the leadership of Interim Assistant Vice President and Director Karen French, to report directly to me in my role as Provost and Chief Operating Officer. I believe this change will best serve the University during this time of severe budget difficulties and will assist in our efforts to restore our effectiveness in Sacramento. Bruce, in the meantime, will continue to chair the search committee working to find permanent new leadership for state governmental relations. I wish to thank him for the work that he is doing in support of the University.

Secondly, I have agreed to secure the consulting services of Alan L. Hoffman for a six-month contract, effective March 1, 2008, to assist me in coordinating UC's advocacy efforts. Mr. Hoffman has a long career in Washington, D.C. Most recently, he has served as chief of staff for Sen. Joseph Biden after holding posts in the U.S. Departments of Justice and Health and Human Services, as well as the Clinton White House. He also recently worked for two years as Vice President for External Affairs for the RAND Corporation in Santa Monica.

Executive Vice President Katie Lapp will assist me during this period by assuming responsibility for providing administrative leadership for the Sacramento office and coordinating Mr. Hoffman's activities.