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Dear Campus Community,

It is with great pleasure that I announce that Juan Carlos Rodriguez will serve as the dean of the University Library, effective May 16. Carlos has over 30 years of experience working in university libraries, starting first as a student employee and ultimately serving as library staff, librarian, department head, and associate dean. Carlos currently serves as Associate Dean of Technology & Information Services for University Libraries at Grand Valley State University. He provides oversight and direction for the three University Libraries (Mary Idema Pew Library, Steelcase Library and Health Sciences Library) in the areas of library systems, digital curation, digital initiatives, electronic resource management, web development, technical services, access services and facilities planning and management.

Prior to serving as associate dean, Carlos served as Director of Library Systems & Information Technology Services at Sacramento State University. He has extensive experience designing and planning new learning environments, as well as developing user-centered services and technologies. His breadth of experience in a variety of areas including library public services, digital libraries and information technologies, as well as his experience with national initiatives to increase diversity in the library profession and improve Latino and Latina student success, make him an ideal dean for Cal State LA.

Carlos holds an undergraduate degree from the University of California at Riverside and a Master's degree in Library Information Science from UCLA. He has also been a fellow of the EDUCAUSE Frye Leadership Institute and the UCLA Senior Fellows Program. Please join me in welcoming Carlos to our campus.

I would also like to take this opportunity to acknowledge Marla Peppers for her leadership of the University Library during this transitional time, particularly as it coincided with the recovery from last year's flood. I'd also like to thank Scott Brievold for his service as interim associate director.

This is an exciting time for Cal State LA and for the University Library. I look forward to working with Dean Rodriguez and all the library faculty and staff to enhance library services.

Warm regards,

Best wishes,

Lynn Mahoney, Ph.D.

Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs