McGuire named Interim Assistant Vice President, Planning and Budget

Jake McGuire has been appointed by Vice President Gomes as Interim Assistant Vice President, Planning and Budget, effective April 1, filling the position occupied by Susan Laughlin, who retired on March 31.

McGuire continues to serve as ANR Controller and Financial Services Director in his new capacity.

Kay Harrison Taber, deputy to the Vice President, will serve as ANR budget liaison for UCOP during this interim appointment. Retired Assistant Vice Presidents Milton Fujii and Laughlin have agreed to work on special projects over the next few months.

“Jake’s experience as a certified public accountant and chief financial officer in the private sector will serve him well in this critical position,” says Gomes. “The close relationship of budget and business services should ease the transition for Jake and everyone involved as he is already familiar with many of the practices.”

McGuire joined the Division in February 2000.

NRS moves to Academic Affairs

On April 1, administration of the Natural Reserve System (NRS) was transferred from ANR to Academic Affairs.

At the request of the University-wide NRS Advisory Committee, Director Alex Glazer explored the possibility of transferring the administration of the Natural Reserve System from Agriculture and Natural Resources to Academic Affairs. Gomes and Provost and Senior Vice President-Academic Affairs Judson King considered the request and agreed to the transfer.

“Discussions about this transfer have been under way for several years and I recently agreed to make this change,” Vice President Gomes says.

Since each of the 35 reserve sites is managed by a nearby UC campus, not just ANR-affiliated campuses, the advisory committee felt it made sense for the NRS to be operated as a universitywide program, according to Glazer.

In Academic Affairs, the NRS Director will report to Vice Provost for Research Lawrence B. Coleman. Among other responsibilities, the Office of Research oversees universitywide research programs and initiatives. The transfer does not change the administrative structure of the NRS on campuses, the permanent funding allocated to support NRS activities or other budgetary units in ANR.

Glazer emphasizes that NRS will continue to have a positive relationship with ANR, which has administered the 39-year-old system since 1977.

The NRS will continue to participate with ANR in the annual Natural Resources Coordinating Conference, ANR will continue to provide an administrative home at UC Davis for the NRS federal surplus screeners, and Glazer will continue to act as Vice President Gomes’ representative on the California Biodiversity Council.

Contact information for Oakland-based staff

Over the past few months, ANR has experienced retirements, reassignments, resignations, layoffs and other changes in staff. Sometimes it’s hard to remember who is doing what.

To help you locate the appropriate person to work with, we have assembled a list of Oakland-based staff, their responsibilities and contact information. The list is on the following three pages.

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