



Provost Newsletter — May 26, 2020

Hunkered Down: *Gratitude*

Memorial Day greetings to you all as we signal the unofficial start of the summer. Normally, this holiday marks transitions: it's your time to finish grading and evaluations and to take a break from the demands of the school year just past. In June, we academics usually turn our sights towards summer vacations, travel, research and creative projects, time with family and friends, and sometimes, preparation of new courses. Some of us teach throughout the summer, too, but for Redlands, most of us would now expect to take a pause from the busy year we've put behind us.

Instead, our "not normal" months ahead continue to present us with unknowns, much as the last months have also done. Back in March, I asked that we all "make the most" of May, and I am grateful that we all addressed the immediate impact of the coronavirus on our campus communities and continue to do so. Instruction continued, students earned the credits they need for their degrees, faculty governance committees completed their work, we advanced our planning for the WASC Reaffirmation process next year. You helped the University in so many other ways, too, as you met with deans and colleagues to prepare for new teaching modalities, envisioned potential new structures and pathways, and organized College working groups to continue the May momentum into the summer. This essential strategic planning will impact not only our short-term adaptation to the coronavirus; you will also inform the long-term vision and health of the University. When we launch focus group conversations to create the next strategic plan, we will have much to build on.

Looking ahead to June, we have already seen the partial "opening" of San Bernardino County, which is currently in the early Phase 2 stage and will probably move into later stages of Phase 2 soon. In the Cabinet and the Emergency Preparedness Planning committee, we are currently reviewing options and protocols that would allow employees to return to work on campus in accordance with American College Health Association (ACHA) guidelines. We are reviewing telecommuting policies for those employees who might continue to work remotely. We will monitor county wide guidance for Marin and our southern California regional campuses, which may have different orders than San Bernardino. Many of you are working with deans and the academic affairs and ITS support staff to plan for late summer and fall, too. This summer will be like no other in recent University history as we continue to weather together unexpected changes.

I'll be shifting this *Newsletter* from a weekly to a mid-monthly publication schedule. University communications will continue to send *Announcements* that update our planning for the new academic year that starts in fall 2020.

Stay safe and well, and don't hesitate to send your questions and suggestions my way.

Kathy Ogren, Provost

Provost Updates

Provost WebEx Office Hours:

- Wednesday, 5/27, 3:00-4:00 at: https://redlands.webex.com/meet/debbie_clark

Leadership Changes in Academic Affairs

School of Education

Dr. Mario Martinez will officially join us on July 1, 2020 as the Robert A. & Mildred Peronia Naslund Endowed Dean. Mario is already in Redlands where he is working in transitional meetings with Dean Andrew Wall, the School of Education faculty and administrators, and me. Most recently, Mario served as chair of the Department of Educational Leadership and Policy Studies at the University of Texas, Arlington.

Previously, Mario was Vice Chancellor of Strategy and Innovation, and a professor for the National University System based in San Diego (2014–17). Before that he was a professor in the Department of Educational Psychology and Higher Education at the University of Nevada, Las Vegas (2003–13). During those years, he was also involved in a variety of professional activities, including: co-founder of Soft Skills Professional, LLC (online and onsite training to higher education professionals); affiliate faculty member at the University of Minnesota, Jandris Center for Innovative Higher Education; consultant with the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation; and Vice President of Strategy and Innovation for seminar and management consultant company ServiceElements International.

His experience also includes positions as: senior researcher for the Alliance for International Higher Education and Policy Studies, New York University; faculty member in the Department of Education Management and Development at New Mexico State University, Las Cruces; strategic management analyst in the Arizona Governor's Office of Planning and Budget; and financial analyst at Hewlett Packard Corporation.

He is a graduate of New Mexico State University (B.S., electrical engineering, minor in economics); University of Texas, Austin (MBA); and Arizona State University (Ph.D., educational leadership and policy studies). Mario is the author of six books, including the forthcoming, *The Science of Higher Education: State Higher Education Policy and the Laws of Scale* (Stylus Publishers, 2020). He has also authored numerous peer-reviewed articles, book chapters, commissioned policy reports, newspaper articles, and presentations and keynote addresses.

School of Continuing Studies

Dr. Amy Moff Hudec has been appointed as the Director of the School of Continuing Studies, beginning June 1, 2020. Many of you know Amy, who has taught for the University in the College of Arts in the Departments of Religious Studies, Sociology, Women's, Gender and Sexuality Studies. Amy has also taught in the School of Continuing Studies and has served as project manager for the SCS/AWI certificate in LGBTQ+Leadership. Amy brings a wealth of experience from community and non-profit partnerships to SCS. This past year, Amy has served as Associate Director, Community Service Learning at Redlands. Amy earned her B.A. here at Redlands in Economics and Sociology, with a minor in Women's Studies. She holds an M.A. in Sociology from Boston College, and PhD in Sociology from Boston University.

Provost Office

Cheryl McIntosh, Academic Affairs Specialist, will retire at the end of June. Please be sure to send Cheryl greetings and gratitude for her support of faculty and academic affairs at Redlands. We will miss Cheryl, and we'll begin a search for her replacement later this summer. Debbie Clark, Executive Assistant to the Provost, will assume Cheryl's responsibilities, including support for the Faculty Review Committee and New Faculty Orientation until the fall.

Academic Affairs Updates

For Faculty

by Ben Aronson

The weekly **Tuesday Hunsaker/ACIT Conversation** will be on hiatus this week. The weekly meeting will convert to a workshop and sandbox format (opportunity to 'play' with technologies or ideas with a group of people) starting Tuesday June 2nd at 4:00. We have started compiling specific topics and would be pleased to get input from all of you (either ben_aronson@redlands.edu or shariq_ahmed@redlands.edu).

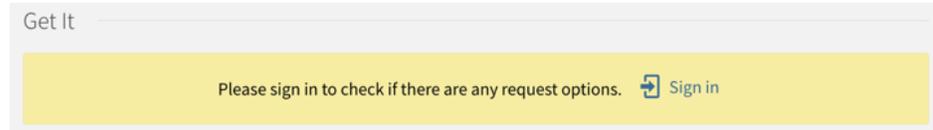
Armacost Library

by Annie Downey

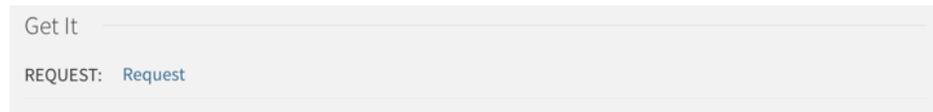
Armacost Library staff will begin **Curbside Pickup** on Monday June 1, 2020.

University of Redlands faculty, staff, and students will use the Request feature in [Primo](#) to choose items to checkout for curbside pickup. You must be signed-in with your UofR credentials to see the Request option.

Prompt to Sign-In:



After signing-in, the Request option is available:



To start, curbside pickup will take place on Mondays and Thursdays, noon-5pm. A Library staff member will email when your items have been picked from shelf. You will be asked to schedule an appointment for pickup of your items. Each appointment will provide a 15-minute window for pickup at the back entrance of the Armacost Library building. If you are unable to pick up requested items, we will also offer to mail items to your current residence.

If you have items you would like to return, please use the book drop located at the back entrance, or mail using USPS book rate. Due dates have been extended, so please hold on to your books/DVDs/scores if possible.

If you have questions, please contact us during our [reference chat hours](#) or email library@redlands.edu.