Dear Colleagues,

Thank you for participating in the Fall 2019 International Student Experience Symposium. It is an opportunity for the campus community to learn, share, and discuss successful institutional strategies, and examine effective approaches to enhancing the quality of the international student experience at UC San Diego.

UC San Diego is in the midst of a major transformation. As a world-class research university, UC San Diego attracts bold thinking and innovative students from around the globe. Our international students enrich our learning community, expose all students to develop skills critical in a globalized workforce.

The unstable political climate and the ongoing debates around student migration have fueled a feeling of doubt and unease for international students studying, or considering studying, in the United States. Through our collective actions, we can ensure that our international students enter our campus feeling welcome and leave our campus with a positive impression of UC San Diego, California, and the United States.

Fostering a tolerant and inclusive campus culture not only benefits our international students, but it makes UC San Diego a destination for top talent and helps fulfill the University’s mission of transforming California and a diverse global society. With even the simplest gesture or communication, we can re-energize the student experience at UC San Diego and make a positive lasting impact on an international student’s experience that will ultimately develop a strong foundation for future academic and professional success and long-term engagement with our campus community.

We hope that you will leave today informed, encouraged to rethink your current practices and processes, inspired to take bold action together, and empowered to help students discover and achieve their dreams.

Sincerely,

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Global Education
UC San Diego ranks 18th Best University in the World based on the 2019 Academic Ranking of World Universities (ARWU) by the Center for World-Class Universities at Shanghai Jiao Tong University in China.

Other rankings include:
• 5th Best Public University in the USA (2018 US News & World Report)
• 17th Best University in the World (2018 US News & World Report)

With $1.35 billion received in sponsored research support, UC San Diego ranks #7 in the U.S. and #2 among all University of California campuses. (2018-2019 National Science Foundation)

With 11,052 total number of international students served, UC San Diego is ranked #9 among U.S. institutions. (2018 Open Doors Report by the Institute of International Education)