



Dear Colleagues,

I am pleased to announce that **Professor James W. Hicks** will serve as the new chair of the Department of Ecology and Evolutionary Biology effective February 1, 2019.

A UCI faculty member since 1992, Professor Hicks is a prominent, accomplished biologist with over 100 peer-reviewed publications. He is an elected Fellow of the American Association for the Advancement of Sciences and the current director of the Exercise Medicine and Sport Sciences Initiative.



As the new chair, Professor Hicks is continuing his long tradition of university service, which has included several years as associate vice chancellor for research, interim vice chancellor for research, and recently, the vice-chair of the Department of Ecology and Evolutionary Biology.

Please join me in congratulating Professor Hicks on this new position.

Sincerely,

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Frank M. LaFerla, Ph.D.  
Dean and Chancellor's Professor