**Provost's Message**

Dr. Sylvia Alva

Dear Colleagues:

As some of you may know, Ray (Rui) Wang announced his retirement effective November 20, 2017.

Dr. Wang has been the Dean of the University Library since 2009. Prior to his current appointment, he served as Dean of the University Library at Humboldt State University for three years. In 2010 he was elected Chair of the Council of Library Deans, for the California State University system. Dr. Wang is Co-Chair of the Chinese American Librarians Association Leadership Training Task Force and has been an invited presenter at various leadership workshops at home and abroad. He is the president of the International Association for East-West Studies, and was instrumental, along with other teaching faculty members, in making the publication of its journal, Journal of East-West Thought, a reality.

During his time as Dean of the University Library at Cal Poly Pomona (CPP), Ray played an important role in transforming a traditional library into a state of the art, student-centered learning facility. This involved expanding the use of the library space by an increase in programs, workshops, and activities developed and coordinated by the library and partners. He championed collaboration and innovation, which were instrumental in building the W.K. Arabian Horse Library, Don Huntley Art Gallery and, more recently, his signature "Knowledge Center."

Ray recognizes the library faculty and staff as important and essential resources, and has strongly supported their continual growth and professional development. He encouraged and shared their dreams of the library of the future, and strived to make it a reality. He also provided opportunities for student assistants to participate in the library and was a staunch supporter of students' activities and The Library Club.

Ray also expanded the library's reach beyond the campus as he formed partnerships with a number of off-campus groups, such as the Pomona Public Library, Asian organizations, and the community colleges.

In his announcement of retirement Ray says, "Even though working at CPP makes me very happy, there's a whole world out there for me to explore." After retirement, Ray will spend time traveling with family, and catching up with reading and writing.

Wang holds a bachelor's degree in English, a master's degree in Library Science and a doctorate in Education.

I thank Ray for all he has accomplished and added to Cal Poly Pomona. Please join me in wishing Ray all the best in his retirement.

Sincerely,
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