



# OFFICE OF THE CHANCELLOR

## UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, SANTA BARBARA

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August 3, 2015

**Dear Members of our Campus Community,**

Executive Vice Chancellor David Marshall and I are pleased to announce that Professor Alison Butler will join the Office of the Executive Vice Chancellor as Associate Vice Chancellor for Academic Personnel, effective August 1, 2015.

Professor Butler has served as a member, Vice Chair, and Chair of the Committee on Academic Personnel, as well as a member, Vice Chair, and Chair of the UC System-wide Committee on Academic Personnel. She also chaired the UC System-wide Joint Subcommittee on Faculty Salaries. A UCSB faculty member since 1985, she served as Vice Chair of our Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry for five years.

A Professor of Chemistry and Biochemistry, Professor Butler is internationally recognized for her research in bio-inorganic chemistry, in particular in the marine environment. Her research focuses on siderophores, a class of biomolecules that bind iron and make it possible for microorganisms to import and use the iron for a variety of metabolic applications. A Fellow of the American Chemical Society and the American Association for the Advancement of Science, Professor Butler received her doctorate from UC San Diego. She held National Institute for Health postdoctoral fellowships at UCLA and Caltech. She also received an American Cancer Society Junior Faculty Research Award, an Alfred P. Sloan Foundation Fellowship, and the Harold J. Plous Memorial Award at UCSB.

We are grateful to the Search Advisory Committee, chaired by Professor Andy Teel, for its thorough and conscientious work, as well as to the many colleagues who participated in the search process. Once again, we thank Professor Jack Talbott for his distinguished service. We very much look forward to working with Associate Vice Chancellor Butler.

Sincerely,

Henry T. Yang  
Chancellor

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