



California State University
SAN MARCOS

OFFICE OF
THE PRESIDENT

Thursday, Sept. 5, 2019

To: CSUSM Students, Faculty and Staff

Today, The San Diego Union-Tribune ran an article that questions the use of funds by one of our employees. I want you to know that I take this matter very seriously.

In July, following the receipt of a complaint, I requested an investigation by the California State University Office of Audit and Advisory Services that has been underway. I want to be clear that this investigation is the first step in the process of reviewing facts and evaluating our internal policies and procedures.

I realize that you may have questions or concerns – I do, too. While I can't speak to the investigation while it is underway, once it is complete the findings will be made public and we will review the recommendations and take any necessary actions.

In the meantime, I want to affirm what I have already observed in my short time here. CSUSM is a place where people and purpose matter. I have seen the passion and dedication of our faculty and staff, and the great pride they take in our mission. I have also seen how hard our students work to be here – their success is our success. I will work hard to ensure the best use of our University resources.

I care deeply about our fiscal stewardship and you have my commitment that integrity, accountability and fiscal responsibility will be the imperatives of how we manage the resources entrusted to us, not only from the state but from our students and their families, our community and industry partners.

Sincerely,

Ellen J. Neufeldt
President