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Search Committee for Dean of Academic Affairs
University of Puerto Rico
Rio Piedras Campus

Dear Members:

It is my deepest pleasure to recommend Professor Leticia Fernández Morales for the position of Dean of Academic Affairs at Rio Piedras Campus. Professor Leticia Fernández has an exemplary academic career in the University of Puerto Rico System.

Since 1984, Professor Fernández has been continuously affiliated with the Accounting Department of the Faculty of Business Administration. She served as Associate Dean of Academic Affairs of this Faculty for five years and served as Associate Dean in the Dean of Academic Affairs for a year. She has been a claustral member of the Academic Senate and claustral representative before the UPR Retirement Board.

This distinguished colleague is a graduate the University of Puerto Rico and received her MBA from George Washington University in Washington, DC. In addition, it holds the title of Certified Public Accountant CPA. Professor Fernández also directed the Budget Office of the UPR at the Central Administration level, and has been recognized as an expert in the field of Accounting and Finance by the present UPR administration.

At the Medical Science Campus, she has been instrumental in completing essential processes such as Single Audit and strengthening the communication between administrative units for monitoring and building a culture of accountability and efficiency with limited fiscal resources.

As a leader, Professor Fernández has demonstrated exemplary values of professionalism, integrity, innovation, team building, and has led the institution to a more integrated and comprehensive decision-making processes with high risks and uncertainty.

In summary, I give Leticia my highest recommendation without any doubts or reserve. She would be the best catch for this position in time of limited resources and for her proven loyalty to the University of Puerto Rico without any doubts.

Sincerely,

José A. Capriles-Quirós, MD, MPH, MHSA
Associate Dean of Academic Affairs