

Dear Trustees,

Greetings from Donostia, Spain, or as they say here Aupa. It is an unexpected event that I talk to you from this beautiful city in Euskadi instead of my small apartment in Madrid. The more I thought about it, the more meaning I found in this happy coincidence. For those of you who have not met me, I am Purificación (Puri) Martínez, and it was an honor when the Faculty Senate elected me to represent the continue as Chair of the Faculty for one more year. I look forward to continuing developing our incipient relationship. As I kept telling the Board last year, the faculty understand and respect the important fiduciary role that the Trustees of this institution have. We work hard on maintaining and growing the academic excellence of the institution and we know you work equally hard on ensuring that the appropriate resources are present to meet the present and future needs of ECU. Together, with the Chancellor, Vice Chancellors and other senior administrators, we work towards a thriving university and an equally thriving region.