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Thomas Poon leads the Loyola Marymount University's Academic Affairs and Student Affairs divisions, including overseeing the university's educational, scholarly, creative activities, student development, athletics, and enrollment management areas. He is also a tenured professor of chemistry.

Poon previously served at Pitzer College in many senior leadership positions, including interim president, acting president, and senior associate dean of faculty. He was a professor of chemistry and held tenured faculty positions at Pitzer College, Claremont McKenna College, and Scripps College, allowing him to interact with students, faculty, staff, and administrators at all three institutions. He has been a visiting scholar and assistant professor at Columbia University and was an assistant professor of chemistry at Randolph-Macon College.

Additionally, Poon has supported, developed, and led a broad range of academic and social justice initiatives in his higher education career. Highlights include his work in study abroad, including the establishment of an exchange program in Bhutan; the development of hybrid programs in Vietnam and Brazil; the enhancement of a tropical field station in Costa Rica; and the reopening of a program in Nepal just eight months after two devastating earthquakes. He also expanded mentorship resources for first-year students and provided opportunities for incarcerated men to earn college course credits through a partnership with the California Rehabilitation Center.

Poon currently serves as a member of the American Council on Education Commission for Internationalization and Global Engagement.

Poon earned his Ph.D. in chemistry at UCLA in 1995 and his Bachelor of Science degree in 1990 at Fairfield University, a Jesuit institution.