To: Academic Senate, Santa Cruz Division

To promote inclusiveness and participation from across the divisions and ranks, senators have been offered the opportunity to forward questions and comments in advance of the April 22 Senate meeting. These are the questions that we have received to date (list will be updated daily):

1. Would the new UARC contract provide the same benefits to the home campus that the old UARC contract provided?

2. Has the new UARC contract been restructured? If so, with what consequences for the home campus?

3. How much money has been spent in the process of preparing the campus's proposal for the new UARC contract?

4. Have consultants been hired to advise the University about its new UARC proposal? If so, how much have those consultants cost the campus, and where have the funds to pay them come from?

5. How many of the FTE dedicated to the Silicon Valley initiative will be designated for administrative and staff positions?

6. How often would faculty FTE in Silicon Valley be obligated to teach undergraduates on the home campus?

7. Why is it that there always seems to be funding for consultants and new projects when effort and funding seems to be lacking for providing our students courses for a basic liberal arts education outside their majors.

8. Liberal arts are prominent in SV’s tech/industry sectors but UCSC’s SV initiative focuses on tech narrowly defined. Why are UCSC’s liberal arts and interdisciplinary strengths missing from the SV initiative? How could the initiative be more effectively integrated with existing strengths in/across existing depts, rather than as a separate entity?

9. Recent events have drawn national attention to hostile working conditions for women and minorities in Silicon Valley. Has there been any discussion of this issue in the planning/consultation process and, if so, what has the response been?
10. Please explain clearly and concisely what benefits -- in terms of students served, faculty development, and resource management -- will accrue to the UCSC campus as a result of the Silicon Valley initiative.

11. Is there a report available that documents the viability of a Silicon Valley campus, particularly in an area that is dominated by Stanford? Is there a documented market in SV for UCSC?

12. Has anyone studied the reasons why the Stanford/UCB joint medical school venture was abandoned? If so the insanity of this proposal might become apparent.