

May 11, 2016

Academic Senate
Santa Cruz Division

Dear Colleagues,

I am writing to encourage you to join your fellow Senate members at this year's last Academic Senate meeting, scheduled for Wednesday, May 18, at 2:30 in the Stevenson Event Center. I will very briefly highlight some of the key topics on our agenda, which may be viewed at – <http://senate.ucsc.edu/senate-meetings/agendas-minutes/2015-2016/2016-May-18-Meeting/index.html>

Once again, a number of issues critical for the near future and longer term trajectory of our campus and the university will figure centrally in our discussions, and I strongly encourage you to be part of the conversation. The Committee on Educational Policy is proposing legislation concerning the Entry Level Writing Requirement (ELWR). The Committee on Faculty Welfare will provide an update on child care, housing, and other issues. The Special Committee on Development and Fundraising and the Special Committee on Athletics will present updates on their committee work. The Committee on Academic Personnel will report on teaching evaluations and preparing personnel files. The Committee on Teaching will provide information on the new Center for Innovation in Teaching and Learning, as well as a recommendation (jointly with the Committee on Informational Technology) that Canvas be adopted as the new campus learning management system. Finally, the Committee on Committees will be presenting the slate of nominations for Senate consideration.

The Student Academic Senate will present an oral report on academic quality at UCSC. There will also be a motion brought forward by faculty from Environmental Studies proposing a resolution that calls upon the Assembly of Academic Senate to consider and vote on a Memorial to the Regents regarding fossil fuel divestment.

As you can see, it is a full agenda, and one that includes several consequential issues. I strongly encourage you to join us on Wednesday, May 18th.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Don Brenneis".

Don Brenneis, Chair
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