

March 1, 2017

Academic Senate
Santa Cruz Division

Dear Colleagues,

I write to invite you to the March 8th Academic Senate meeting, 2:30 pm at the Stevenson Event Center. The agenda may be reviewed at:

<http://senate.ucsc.edu/senate-meetings/agendas-minutes/2016-2017/2017-March-8-Meeting/index.html>

The agenda focuses on important initiatives that we believe will interest Senate members, and we are hoping for feedback and a good discussion. Among other issues, Chancellor Blumenthal will provide updates on the system-wide Framework for Growth that you received information on February 15, 2017. Interim CP/EVC Lee will discuss the initiatives for public private partnerships (P3, working with private developers to provide student housing), Envision UC Santa Cruz accomplishments, and a budget envelope for the first-year curriculum revisions. Senate members may also be interested in the Committee on Academic Personnel's consent calendar report for the last academic year. The Special Committee on Athletics has delivered its report per mandate, and Chair Prochaska will present an oral report and field questions.

Committee on Educational Policy Chair John Tamkun will discuss the current status of the writing and core curriculum in relation to recent legislation that requires undergraduates to complete the Entry Level Writing Requirement (ELWR) prior to attempting C1. The legislation proposes changes to be in place for fall 2017, although current planning may need to be adjusted for a fall 2018 start. CEP has provided a primer document for the discussion, which is included in the Call.

We look forward to reports from the Student Union Assembly (SUA) and Graduate Student Association (GSA), and we have two New Business items. The first, from the Council of Provosts, is an oral report on "Analytical Reading and Other High-Impact Practices Informing Plans for Revising College Core." The second, from Emeritus Faculty Nauenberg, is an oral report on Science and Engineering Library issues first raised during the fall meeting.

I look forward to seeing you on Wednesday March 8th.

Regards,
Ólóf Einarsson, Chair
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