

To: Members of the Academic Senate;

The UCSC campus is in the preliminary stages of considering some major academic initiatives. These include the possible initiation of one or more Professional Schools run by UCSC. The Academic Senate is conducting a forum on Professional Schools on October 10, 2007. Why should you come to this forum? There are a lot of reasons, but one of the most direct is that the establishment of such Schools is very much within the authority of the faculty, through the medium of the Senate. And, if the campus successfully develops one or more Professional Schools, it would likely be the most marked academic change undergone by the campus since the establishment of the School of Engineering. The planning for such schools has begun, with a number of different options having been brought to the table. Although the development of these plans is preliminary, the time for initial input and discussion is NOW. Our forum will be held on October 10, from 3-5 in the Colleges Nine and Ten Common Room in order to help disseminate information about possible Professional Schools and foster discussion about the options available to the campus. The agenda is attached below. The main proponents of five different proposed Schools will be there and will present their current conceptions and vision of the Schools and the process by which Schools are established at UC will be reviewed. Please come to listen to, and discuss the possible options being developed on behalf of the campus!

Sincerely,

Quentin Williams, Chair

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