

February 7, 2001

MEMBERS OF THE ACADEMIC SENATE

Re: Meeting CALL for the Santa Cruz Division, February 21, 2001

Dear Colleagues;

With the question of grading resolved, the Senate is now poised to move on to the urgent issue of imminent accelerated enrollment growth. At this meeting I hope to facilitate an extended dialog about the issues and opportunities this growth presents. This accelerated growth could effect our professional lives and the very nature of the education students receive at UCSC in profound ways and it is imperative that faculty participate in shaping the institution at this time. The Committee on Planning and Budget's report that appears in this call includes two resolutions that, if passed, will affirm the Senate's participation in assisting the administration with decision making about accommodating growth. A positive continuing collaboration between the Senate and our administration will enhance UCSC's ability to enjoy the opportunities of growth and creatively meet the inevitable challenges. With the long range planning occurring at all levels of campus, we are now in the process of reexamining existing structures and assumptions in order to set the standards that will define UCSC as a high quality teaching and research university in the future.

Another important item in this CALL is the resolution to Streamline NES that was voted on at the Special meeting of November 27, 2000. After that meeting, ten Senators requested a ruling from RJ&E on whether the Resolution voted on at the Special meeting was properly considered. RJ&E determined that the Resolution was out of order because it did not appear in the CALL for the meeting and was not approved for consideration by unanimous consent. That resolution has been resubmitted for our consideration at this meeting.

In conclusion, I want to remind you that members of the Committee on Committees will be contacting many of you in the coming weeks to ask that you serve on Senate committees next year. Because such service is crucially important, I hope that you will consider their requests seriously and respond affirmatively to them.

I look forward to your attendance at the Senate Meeting on February 21, 2001.

Cordially,

Roger Anderson, Chair
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