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MEMBERS OF THE ACADEMIC SENATE:

Dear Colleagues,

Let me welcome you back for the beginning of a new stimulating academic year at UCSC.

I would like to encourage each of you to attend the first meeting of the Santa Cruz Division of the Academic Senate. The annual reports of the Senate committees contain several important issues which will continue into the current year, and these reports will provide a good opportunity to familiarize yourselves with these issues.

These are very interesting times for this campus. During the summer, the systemwide senate has moved closer to adopting a Comprehensive Review policy for admissions at selective campuses, while beginning consideration of a new set of admissions criteria for all of UC. On our growing campus, we are engaged in a long term planning process, are moving toward enhancing the number and scope of graduate programs, and need to develop our own comprehensive review criteria as we move toward selectivity in undergraduate admissions. Many of these issues will be discussed by Chancellor Greenwood, Provost Simpson, and me, as well as in oral reports by several Senate committees.

After the meeting, Chancellor Greenwood and I hope that all faculty and their guests will attend the dinner at University House. This will be a fine opportunity to become reacquainted with old friends and to meet our new faculty colleagues. I look forward to seeing you there.

Cordially,

George Blumenthal, Chair
Academic Senate
Santa Cruz Division