

Senate Executive Committee
Report on Senate Tent University and Restructuring Emergency Response Procedures

To the Academic Senate, Santa Cruz Division

Introduction

As Senate Chair and following long discussions with the Senate Executive Committee, I have decided to form a task force to review the decision-making processes leading to the events of Monday, April 18 in connection with Tent University Santa Cruz (TUSC). The goal of this group is to provide guidance to the campus as a whole to better respond to similar events in the future. The task force is envisioned as impartial and open to input from many perspectives involved with Tent University. The charge has been reviewed and approved by the Senate Executive Committee. While I would like this group to begin meeting as soon as possible, a full report is expected in Fall 2005.

Senate Tent University and Restructuring Emergency Response Procedures Task Force

Charge: The aim of the task force is to learn from our experiences to better shape future responses to related events. This group will conduct an open-minded, impartial investigation and analysis of recent events surrounding the establishment of Tent University Santa Cruz (TUSC) with the aim of guiding the restructuring of campus emergency planning to respond to similar events in the future. The task force will:

- investigate the facts surrounding the initiation of Tent University Santa Cruz (TUSC), the negotiations between TUSC and UCSC Administration, and the events leading to the confrontation on April 18, 2005;
- identify the best strategies and structures for achieving conflict resolution and maintaining campus safety in similar situations in the future.

To maintain impartiality, members will not include those directly involved with Tent University nor the Administration response to its formation. The task force will interview widely to hear the many viewpoints on this event.

Membership:

Senate Faculty – 3 (one to act as Chair)
 Non-Senate Teaching Faculty – 1
 Administrator – 1
 Undergraduate Students – 2
 Graduate Student – 1
 Staff - 1

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