

April 12, 2006

MEMBERS OF THE ACADEMIC SENATE

Dear Colleagues,

If you were able to come to only one Senate meeting this century, the one on April 26, 2006 might be the one to choose. It will take place at Stevenson Event Center. It will start at 2:30.

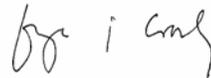
The April 26 meeting will be of special importance because of the topics it addresses. As you can see from the Call the meeting will center around a set of connected issues: employee housing, recruitment and retention, the Long Range Development Plan and the Environmental Impact Report process. An important and controversial resolution is being presented by the Committee on Planning and Budget, and endorsed by the Committee on Faculty Welfare and by the Senate Executive Committee. The April 26 meeting may well function as the prelude to the Senate addressing issues of campus growth.

We are keen on having meaningful discussion of the issues. Toward that end, we have made some changes in format. The Chancellor and the Executive Vice Chancellor (EVC) will each be allocated ten minutes on the agenda, and they have agreed to devote their minutes to answering questions. Their talking points are included in this Call. My own announcements will probably focus on the means for distributing the \$1 million for recruitment and retention and will include time for discussion.

Also, meaningful discussion may be enhanced if faculty members will think about the questions concerning affordability of housing and related matters posed by the administration in Attachment 2 of the Senate Executive Committee Report (Attachment 2 and related documents are referenced by EVC Kliger in his announcements and are included in the Senate Executive Report.)

If you care about faculty housing, please come to the meeting on April 26. If you care about the long-range plans for development of our campus, please come. The Senate leadership wants to know what you think so that we can have true shared governance.

Sincerely,



Faye J. Crosby, Chair  
Academic Senate  
Santa Cruz Division