

SPECIAL SENATE MEETING, OCTOBER 19, 2009

RESOLUTIONS:

A. To UCOP re: Furlough Policy: Whereas Regental Order #104 (“emergency powers”) left it to campuses to decide how and when so-called furlough days would be taken; whereas other UC campuses have made their own arrangements as to how and when furlough days would be taken; whereas the furlough policy affects the core functions of research and teaching that are properly the purview of faculty; and whereas the Provost Pitts memo asserting that furlough days shall not be taken on “days of instruction” contravenes Regental Order #104 and encroaches upon the core constitutional principle of shared governance; therefore be it resolved that the Academic Senate of UCSC hereby informs UCOP that the UCSC Academic Senate shall determine when furlough days may be taken by UCSC faculty.

B. Sense of the Senate re: UCSC Furlough Policy: Whereas Regental Order #104 (“emergency powers”) left it to campuses to decide how and when so-called furlough days would be taken; whereas other UC campuses have made their own arrangements as to how and when furlough days would be taken; and whereas the UCSC Academic Senate has not yet determined when furlough days may be taken; therefore be it resolved that it is the sense of the UCSC Senate that the UCSC Administration should not require any faculty member to track, record, or otherwise surveil or police the behavior of their colleagues with respect to furlough days or to allow said behavior with respect to furloughs to become part of any merit action or personnel review.

C. To UCOP re: Fiscal Transparency: Whereas the current fiscal crisis facing the UC system is having and will continue to have profound effects on all research and teaching functions in which faculty are engaged; and whereas faculty are therefore duty-bound to fully understand the nature of this crisis and to analyze the full range of possible strategies for coping with the fiscal crisis; we the members of the Academic Senate of UCSC therefore request from UCOP complete budgetary transparency, including full details of all budget categories, definitions of the nature of any legal restrictions on how these categories of funds can be expended, and detailed alternative scenarios for addressing the fiscal crisis.

D. Sense of the Senate re: Good-Faith Negotiations: Whereas the UCSC faculty are formally represented by the Santa Cruz Faculty Association as their bargaining agent; therefore be it resolved that it is the sense of the UCSC Academic Senate that the UCSC administration should continue to bargain in good faith with the Association on furlough policy options, possible strategies for coping with the fiscal crisis, and all other issues that may properly fall within the scope of collective bargaining.

ADDITIONAL DISCUSSION ITEMS:

1. Shall the Senate support the “no furloughs for those making under \$40k” proposal that is making the rounds at other campuses?
2. Shall the Senate support the “no fee hikes” position taken by faculty and student groups at other campuses?
3. Shall the Senate urge UCOP to stop all new building construction until the fiscal crisis is resolved, as other groups of faculty and students at other campuses have done?
4. Shall the Senate formally endorse and participate in the UCSC “Campus Forum on the Crisis,” which is scheduled for October 29, 2009?

Respectfully submitted,

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On behalf of the ten UCSC Senate members who requested this special meeting