

February 23, 2012

Academic Senate  
Santa Cruz Division

Dear colleagues,

As we enter what promises to be a period of intensified political activity for the university and the state (not to mention the nation), I write to remind you of the upcoming Senate meeting on February 29, 2012, 2:30-5 PM at Stevenson Event Center. The agenda may be viewed at: <http://senate.ucsc.edu/senate-meetings/agendas-minutes/2012-february-29-senate-meeting/index.html>

Key issues on which we will report:

**Faculty**

The Committee on Faculty Welfare will present and lead a discussion on its report "Analysis of the Three Year Merit Boost Plan." While this report focuses on the merit boost plan, the Senate intends to hold a follow-up forum (March 15 and 16) on salary metrics and their implications for faculty advancement.

**Campus/Systemwide**

Rather than separate these spheres, the conjoined issue says it all: you will hear about a range of recent campus efforts to address the UC budget and to press for state and public support of increased revenues for higher education. EVC Galloway will report on the budget, outlining various projections for best and worst-case scenarios, along with the planning underway on campus, in departments and divisions, for each of those possible outcomes. I will report on what's happening on the rebenching front at OP, as well as present an updated version of the UCSC rebenching statement that recently went out to you. Thanks to the many substantive comments I received, the document, particularly the table of enrollment and funding numbers, has been revised. You will have the chance to assess this work and to discuss next steps.

Faculty awareness of all these budgetary issues is especially critical in light of the student actions planned for March through May.

I hope to see as many of you as possible on February 29.

Yours,  
Susan



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