

October 11, 2012

Academic Senate
Santa Cruz Division

Dear Colleagues:

I write to inform you of the first Senate meeting of the year on Friday, October 19, 2012, 2:30-5 PM at the College Nine Namaste Lounge. The agenda may be viewed at:

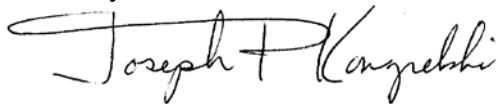
<http://senate.ucsc.edu/senate-meetings/agendas-minutes/2012-october-19-senate-meeting/index.html>

I urge everyone to become acquainted with the issues as presented in the call. We have a full complement of annual reports from the Senate Committees that reflect on their efforts last year and lay groundwork for the work of the current year. The meeting will also include two pieces of legislation, one arising from the Committee on Research (COR) and one from the Committee on Educational Policy (CEP).

Rebenching, a topic that dominated the Senate's deliberations last year, is now the accepted method for distribution of State funds to the campuses. One aspect of rebenching that has moved into focus for the Senate this year is the portion of the rebenching funds that is designated for 'aspirational graduate growth.' This is important for all faculty since it requires a rapid acceleration of graduate growth in the next five years. I'll have more to say about this in my opening remarks. I will also be discussing the two important joint Senate/Administrative Task Forces, one on Pedagogy and one of Academic Structures and Strategic Planning, that are getting underway this fall.

Hope to see you on the 19th!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Joseph F. Konopelski".

Joe Konopelski, Chair
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