

April 9, 2015

Academic Senate
Santa Cruz Division

Dear Colleagues;

I write to invite you to the April 22nd Academic Senate meeting, 2:30 at Stevenson Event Center which will focus on the Chancellor's Silicon Valley Initiative. The Call includes information from the administration about UCSC's opportunities in Silicon Valley and both the Chancellor and the EVC will be in attendance to participate in the discussion. As you are aware, the administration has committed up to 14 faculty FTE over the next three years to mount academic programs in Silicon Valley. Senators may submit anonymous questions and find additional information about Silicon Valley on the [Senate website](#). The program pre-proposals from your faculty colleagues can be viewed here:

<http://senate.ucsc.edu/archives/Current%20Issues/Silicon%20Valley/Silicon%20Valley%20Pre-Proposals.html>

An additional item of important business that is up for discussion and a vote is a change to the regulations on grading to create the options of C-, D+ and D-. Please review the legislation; there will be a presentation by CEP to explain the changes which will impact faculty grading.

In order to make time for these important discussions and because the Senate will convene again for the usual Spring quarter meeting in May, we have decided to forgo all announcements. We will launch directly into business soon after the meeting starts.

I look forward to seeing you there; please make time to review the [agenda materials](#) and the Silicon Valley Academic Program pre-proposals on the Senate website.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Don Brenneis".

Don Brenneis, Chair
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