

February 12, 2015

Academic Senate
Santa Cruz Division

Dear Colleagues,

Several items on the winter quarter Senate agenda are important and timely. CEP is considering changing **grading options** and offers a report that presents some options as a precursor to legislation at a subsequent meeting. The Senate Executive Committee (SEC) presents a framework for campus-wide **international engagement** on the campus that will benefit from a thorough discussion by the Senate. Specifically, SEC asks what you think would foster international engagement that is not currently provided. On this topic, the Committee on International Education will give an oral report on best practices for the creation of MOUs with institutions abroad.

SEC submitted an informational item on the criteria the Senate will use to review the pre-proposal submissions to the CP/EVC's call for academic programs in **Silicon Valley**. There is no presentation for this item, but it does carve out time on the agenda for Senators to comment on the Chancellor's initiative to invest a significant number of faculty FTE in Silicon Valley, which he announced at the Fall Senate meeting.

Please attend the Senate meeting which will include additional reports on **admissions, child care and faculty salaries**. The meeting is Wednesday, February 18, 2015, from 2:30-5:00 p.m. at the Stevenson Event Center. The agenda may be viewed at: <http://senate.ucsc.edu/senate-meetings/agendas-minutes/2014-2015/2015-february-18-meeting/index.html>

These agenda have been prepared by your colleagues serving on Senate committees and several now require further discussion among the broader Senate, so I look forward to seeing you on Wednesday, February 18th.

Sincerely,



Don Brenneis, Chair
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