May 12, 2017

Academic Senate
Santa Cruz Division

Dear Colleagues,

I write to invite you to the May 19th Academic Senate meeting, 2:30 pm at the College 9/10 Multipurpose Room. The agenda may be reviewed at:


The agenda focuses on a broad range of issues and resolutions that require the attention of the full Senate. There are a number of matters which have arisen over the last few weeks, such as the May 1 protest activities and the Occupation of Kerr Hall, which the Chancellor, the iCPEVC, and I will address in our remarks. Although time will be tight, I will prioritize Q&A from the floor.

We expect several reports from standing committees, including a statement on the status of Graduate Growth from Graduate Council (GC) and a report from the Committee on Library and Scholarly Communication with updates on several Library issues. I also look forward to the report of Student Union Assembly Vice President of Academic Affairs Xu, who will update the Senate on the results of the student “Classroom and Lecture Availability Survey.”

Several resolutions have been submitted for Senate consideration. Resolutions proposed by Professor Langhout to “Improve Conditions for Undocumented Students at UCSC,” “Non-Cooperation with ICE to Refuse ICE Physical Access to University,” and “to Protect Students’ Records with Respect to Immigration Status” will be discussed and, if moved, voted on. Professor Rofel has also submitted a resolution, which summarizes the Scholars at Risk initiative which, if approved, would call on the Administration to pay for network membership and appoint a faculty lead.

Several updates for committee charges have been proposed, notably related to the purviews of the Committees on Educational Policy (CEP) and Courses of Instruction (CCI). The Committee on Faculty Research Lecture will also be announcing next year’s lecturer, and COC will present the committee membership for 2017-18 for ratification.

I also wish to highlight the ongoing Curriculum Management Project which was formed to address long-standing issues with curriculum development and management, including scheduling, as well as presentation of curriculum information in the General Catalog. The project will be in two phases: Phase I will focus on the curriculum approval processes, the system for producing and publishing the catalog, and the catalog itself; Phase II will address course scheduling. The Office of the Registrar began working with CEP, CCI and
GC this spring, and continued work will occur in fall for the implementation of Phase I beginning in November 2017, with implementation expected to take approximately 6 to 12 months. Phase II planning will start in Summer of 2017. Please visit the project website (https://cm.ue.ucsc.edu) for more information.

I look forward to seeing you at the Academic Senate meeting on Friday, May 19th. I hope you can stay for the reception.

Regards,
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