

November 22, 2017

Academic Senate
Santa Cruz Division

Dear Colleagues,

I invite you to join us at the fall Senate meeting on Friday December 1, 2017 in the Stevenson Event Center from 2:30 - 5:00 pm. It will be followed by a reception hosted by the Chancellor and the Senate. The agenda of the meeting may be reviewed at: <https://senate.ucsc.edu/senate-meetings/agendas-minutes/2017-2018/2017-December-1-Meeting/index.html>

The agenda focuses on many important initiatives that we believe will be of interest to Senate members and need to be discussed. The Chancellor will present updates on faculty achievements, the 2:1 frosh:transfer project and the DACA-related Senate resolutions approved at the spring meeting. As you may know, the State Legislature has created a mandate for an enrollment ratio of 2:1 freshmen to transfer students for every UC campus, and the mandate is linked to financial consequences for the UC system should any campus fail to meet this goal. The Committee on Admissions and Financial Aid and the Committee on Educational Policy are working with the Division of Undergraduate Education as well as departments and divisions on an admissions plan that will help us reach the 2:1 ratio. We appreciate the collaboration and support of departments in this endeavor.

We are especially excited to welcome Campus Provost and Executive Vice Chancellor Marlene Tromp. The Senate Leadership has been meeting with the CP/EVC regularly throughout the fall regarding a number of shared governance issues, including strategic academic planning, continued efforts related to Beyond Compliance, an extension of the campus' contract with Academic Analytics, the faculty recruitment call, and the creation of an Enrollment Planning Council. We look forward to her remarks addressing some of these issues.

The Senate meeting will include a report on faculty salary analysis from the Committee on Faculty Welfare. The Committees on Educational Policy (CEP), Planning & Budget, Courses of Instruction, and Preparatory Education have completed reviewing the proposal for an Academic Literacy Curriculum (ALC) that was created jointly by the Writing Program (WP) and the Council of Provosts (CoP). The Chair of CEP, Onuttom Narayan, will give a context for and present amendments to regulations related to the new ALC, and the Committee on Teaching will present an Online Course Evaluation Report.

We also look forward to reports from the Student Union Assembly (SUA) and Graduate Student Association (GSA).

Finally, I want to recognize the incredible contributions of faculty members from all divisions and departments currently serving on Senate Committees. It has been a busy fall and the Senate has been working well with campus leaders whom we thank for their open communication and commitment to consultation.

Have a great Thanksgiving holiday, and I look forward to seeing you next week.

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