

May 10, 2019

Academic Senate
Santa Cruz Division

Dear Colleagues,

I write to invite you to the upcoming Academic Senate meeting on Friday, May 17, 2:30 pm, at the College 9/10 Multipurpose Room. The agenda is available at: <https://senate.ucsc.edu/senate-meetings/agendas-minutes/2018-2019/2019-may-17-meeting/index.html>

A reception in honor of Chancellor Blumenthal's retirement and in celebration of the end of another academic year will follow.

As you will see from the agenda, both Chancellor Blumenthal and Campus Provost and Executive Vice Chancellor Tromp will offer comments and field questions. In addition, Distinguished Professor Robert May, Chair of the systemwide Academic Senate, will also be present to thank Chancellor Blumenthal for his dedication to shared governance and to celebrate his retirement.

There are also a couple of proposed amendment and regulation changes: the proposed amendment change would convert the Special Committee on Fundraising and Development to a standing committee and the regulation change would alter the minimum progress for students standard to conform with current practice. Although the Spring Senate meeting typically features CFW's faculty salary analysis, that presentation will occur at the fall meeting due to difficulties acquiring the pertinent data in the requested format.

You will also notice that there are two proposed resolutions for consideration. The first resolution—jointly sponsored by the Committee on Academic Freedom and the Committee on Affirmative Action and Diversity—asks the university and the campus to take action against Canary Mission's targeting of students and faculty (the text of the resolution is on page 3, under Reports of Standing Committees. The second resolution—sponsored by a number of faculty members from the Humanities and Social Sciences divisions—asks the campus to adopt a Safe Parking Initiative. The text of this resolution can be found on page 50 of the agenda, under New Business.

Thank you for your time. I hope to see you on May 17 for the final Senate meeting of the year and, of course, for the reception to celebrate Chancellor Blumenthal on his retirement.

Kim Lau, Chair



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