

February 14, 2020

Academic Senate
Santa Cruz Division

Dear Colleagues,

I write to invite you to the winter Senate meeting on Wednesday, February 19, 2020, from 2:30 to 5:00pm, at the Stevenson Event Center. The agenda for the meeting may be viewed at the [Academic Senate website](#).

As always, both the Chancellor and iCPEVC will offer remarks, followed by Q&A. There will also be presentations of two important reports: the Committee on Academic Personnel's Annual Report and a joint report from the Committees on Educational Policy and Planning and Budget conveying the findings of their Impaction Working Group. In addition, Distinguished Professor of History Gail Hershatter has proposed a resolution related to the February 7, 2020, Public Affairs communication titled "Unsanctioned strike by some graduate students," which contains a "Notification of Class and Section Disruption" Google form accessible through a [notify the campus](#) hotlink. Finally, we will have an opportunity to hear from the SUA and GSA presidents.

I also encourage you to join us for the **54th Annual Faculty Research Lecture with Terrie Williams, Professor of Ecology and Evolutionary Biology**. Her lecture, "Touching Extinction: Biological Achilles' Heels and the Survival of Big, Fierce Animals," will take place on Thursday, April 9, 2020, at 7:30 pm at the Music Recital Hall in the Performing Arts Complex. The lecture is free and open to all members of the Santa Cruz community.

Lastly, I would like to remind everyone of a few upcoming searches of critical interest for the campus and the system. As you well know, the search for a new UC President [is currently underway](#). The campus is also conducting a search for a Campus Provost and Executive Vice Chancellor as well as for a Dean of the Humanities. I encourage everyone to participate as actively as possible once the public town halls and talks are announced. For more information on the search, please visit the [search website](#).

I very much hope to see you at next week's meeting.

Sincerely,
Kim Lau, Chair



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