Dear Colleagues,

I write to invite you to the Fall Senate meeting on Friday, November 20, from 2:30 to 5:00pm, via ZOOM. The agenda for the meeting may be viewed on the Academic Senate website.

As always, both the Chancellor and CPEVC will offer remarks, followed by Q&A. If you were not able to join us for the fall Budget Forum, the recording of that meeting can be found here.

The agenda includes several notable committee reports, including a Committee on Educational Policy (CEP) Academic Literacy Curriculum (ALC) Report, a Committee on Teaching (COT) oral report on the Student Experience of Teaching Surveys (SETs), and the results of the Student Union Assembly’s CLASS Survey for the 2019-20 academic year, which will be presented as an oral report, with the data to be shared after the meeting.

The budget situation will undoubtedly be a topic of discussion at our meeting. Many of you probably responded to the October 19 request from President Michael Drake and the UC Office of the President for feedback on the proposed systemwide curtailment and salary reduction plan. The Santa Cruz Division of the Academic Senate also provided a response. Our views were widely shared in the Academic Council as a whole, which declined to endorse the current version of the plan. Both our letter and that of the Academic Council can be found here.

Although it is not on the agenda for our November 20 meeting, I would also encourage you to provide input for the UC systemwide draft Carbon Offset Policy. Background information and the feedback collection form can be found on this page.

I look forward to seeing you at next week’s meeting. I hope all members of the campus community are staying safe, and I want to recognize the hard work of the faculty, researchers, staff, and students across the University in this difficult year.

Sincerely,
David Brundage, Chair

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