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Academic Senate Santa Cruz Division

Dear Colleagues,

I write to invite you to the Fall Senate meeting on Wednesday, December 1, from 2:30 to 5:00pm, via ZOOM. The agenda for the meeting may be viewed on the <u>Academic Senate</u> website.

As always, both the Chancellor and CP/EVC will offer remarks, followed by Q&A. We also are expecting remarks from the Student Union Assembly and the Graduate Student Assembly.

I would like to direct you to two important reviews which the Senate has recently submitted consultation responses to:

The first is a review of a proposed campus Pilot Support Structures for Free Speech and Protest, the Senate's comments on which can be viewed <u>here</u>.

Additionally, we have completed the <u>final stage of review</u> of the Online Programs Initiative, which would pave the way for fully online UC Santa Cruz academic programs, though each new program would still undergo the normal approval process (including Senate approval) of any academic program. Our review was developed in the context of the important Systemwide Senate Online Undergraduate Degree Task Force <u>Report</u> from July 14th, 2020.

These topics may arise as points of discussion during the meeting, though, as you will see, they are not formally planned agenda items. I encourage members of the Senate to raise comments if desired during relevant Q&A sessions or under New Business before the close of the meeting.

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 continuing challenges of the uncertain and evolving context we find ourselves teaching, researching and working in.

Sincerely, David Brundage, Chair

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