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Academic Senate  
Santa Cruz Division

Dear Colleagues,

I write to invite you to the Winter Senate meeting on Wednesday, March 9, 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 CP/EVC will offer remarks, followed by Q&A. We also are expecting remarks from the Student Union Assembly and the Graduate Student Assembly.

In addition to what are no doubt important campus updates, we have several committee reports and updates planned for the division. Per usual, the Committee on Academic Personnel 2020-21 Annual Report has been included with the CALL to provide a summary of faculty personnel issues of the previous year. Please feel free to bring forward any questions related to the report, or about the personnel process during this consent calendar item.

COVID-19 has had many impacts, including the disruption of the longstanding tradition of the Senate and Chancellor sponsored Faculty Research Lecture. [Touching Extinction: Biological Achilles' heels and the survival of big, fierce animals](#), from Professor Terrie Williams, Department of Ecology and Evolutionary Biology, has at long last been rescheduled for May 2022, with date and details forthcoming very soon. The lecture will be delivered in-person and streamed for our campus community to enjoy. I am thrilled that the Committee on Faculty Research Lecture is planning to host the lectures of our 2019-20 and 2020-21 nominees this year and next, including the 55th Annual Faculty Research Lecture, which will be given by Professor Jennifer González, Department of History of Art and Visual Culture (HAVC) and Digital Arts & New Media (DANM).

We are also excited that the March 9, 2022 consent calendar includes the new Committee on Faculty Research Lecture 2020-21 Annual Report, which announces the nomination of our esteemed colleague **Anna Tsing, Professor of Anthropology, affiliate faculty of Feminist Studies and Environmental Studies, as the 56th Faculty Research Lecturer.**

Professor Tsing's research focuses on culture and politics, which includes feminist theory; globalization; multi-species anthropology; social landscapes and forest ethnoecologies; and multi-sited ethnography, focused on Indonesia, Southeast Asia, and the U.S. Professor Tsing's fluid, interdisciplinary scholarship and research practice is internationally renowned for mapping and articulating the global in the local, and also identifying the frictions through which intercommunal histories are made. This lecture is tentatively planned for fall/winter of 2022.

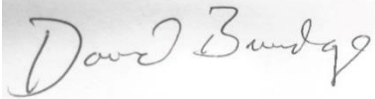
The Committee on Library and Scholarly Communication (COLASC) has proposed an amendment to their charge, divisional bylaw 13.24.1, that is intended to make the representatives from the UC Santa Cruz Librarians Association (LAUC-SC) consistent with their recently revised bylaws. We thank the LAUC-SC for being transparent with their governance and ensuring that we have representation available for COLASC's deliberations.

Committee on Educational Policy (CEP) Chair Tracy Larrabee plans to make an oral report on pending updates to the course approval process, specifically allowing for the contingent approval of synchronous and asynchronous online courses. These changes are expected in advance of the spring 2022 review of fall 2022 course offerings. The chairs of Graduate Council and the Committee on Courses of Instruction will be in attendance should there be any related questions.

Lastly, I am very happy that I am able to link you to the [inaugural version of a new Senate newsletter](#), intended to be circulated ~quarterly. The winter 2022 edition was sent out earlier this week. My thanks to all the Senate staff, especially Senate Executive Assistant Michele Chamberlin and Director Matthew Mednick, who made the logistics of producing the edition possible! I hope you have a chance to read it in advance of the Senate meeting, in the event you have any related follow-up questions for me, our Senate committee chairs, or campus leadership.

I look forward to seeing you at next week's meeting and will see you then.

Sincerely,  
David Brundage, Chair

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