



## UCSC Campus Update Summer 2017

UCSC Campus Provost and Executive Vice Chancellor, Dr. Marlene Tromp. Dr. Tromp previously served as the Vice Provost for the Arizona State West Campus. Dr. Tromp officially started on June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2017. Dr. Tromp has already held numerous meetings with SAB chair, Angela Steele and the Sab looks forward to working with Dr. Tromp to create better, more equitable and more inclusive working conditions for the staff at UCSC.

UCSC Staff Advisory Board kicks off the second round of our staff mentor program with a reception and informal mixer bringing the new cohort together for the first time. This event is an opportunity for potential mentors and mentees to meet in an informal setting to talk about opportunities and the mentee's preferences in mentors. This mentoring cycle will run from July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2018. This year we will have twenty-three matched pairs, that is represents a 50% increase in participation from our pilot year set of fifteen pairs.

UCSC Staff Advisory Board hosted our annual Staff Appreciation Picnic on a misty Thursday, May 25<sup>th</sup>, 2017. The event featured a fabulous lunch created by our own campus dining services team. The event was held on the campus East Field, and even with the heavily over-cast skies, over 850 staff came out to enjoy lunch and each other's company. Campus senior leaders and staff assembly board members were on site to help serve the food. Each year the event has enjoyed a growing participation in tabling from campus units that serve our staff. Amongst them was, transportation, wellness and the ergonomics and benefits teams. The tabling is very popular with many tchotchkes to be collected. Also in attendance was Chancellor George Blumenthal who thanked the staff for their service and presented this year's Outstanding Staff Award, which went to Irena Polić, Managing Director Institute for Humanities Research.