Santa Cruz Update
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**CAMPUS WIDE**

**New Staff**

Elizabeth Cowell has been selected by UC Santa Cruz as the campus’s new University Librarian, effective July 15. A leading voice in state and national advocacy efforts on behalf of university libraries, Cowell has 20 years of management experience in academic libraries with a strong record of accomplishment and strategic leadership in operations, fundraising, and innovation.

**LOCAL SAB**

**Thumbs Up Award**
The SAB rolled out another successful Thumbs Up Award program. The Thumps Up Award program was designed in order for employees to thank colleagues who perform above and beyond expectations or go out of their way to help others on campus. This year, close to 1,300 individual awards and 300 group awards were given out campus wide.

**Fall Retreat**
The SAB held its fall retreat on August 25th to have discussions and plan for the upcoming year. The board welcomed in three new members, Sheree Marlowe the Assistant Campus Diversity Officer, Colleen Allen the Campus Wellness Coordinator and Angela Rossi-Steele the Lead Digital Media Specialist for ITS.

**SAB to host first Chancellor & Staff Advisors Forum**
The Staff Advisors to the Regents will visit campus on September 22nd. This year, we decided to merge the Staff Advisors with our Fall Chancellor’s Forum for Staff. We hope this will increase attendance as well as give staff a chance to ask questions to the Chancellor and Staff Advisors simultaneously. This forum will be followed by our SAB meeting with the Advisors for a chance to further discussions.

**Proposing Changes**
The SAB is looking at amending their bylaws in order to create a more knowledgeable and stronger leadership team. We are hoping to accomplish this through creating a Past Chair position and changing how our CUCSA delegates are appointed. Currently, the CUCSA Junior Delegate is an electing position, but we hope to roll it into our leadership team. As part of the leadership team, the Chair would the Junior Delegate and the Past Chair would be the Senior Delegate.