



UCSC Campus Update Winter 2016

UCSC announces the appointment of our next Campus Provost and Executive Vice Chancellor, Dr. Marlene Tromp. Dr. Tromp currently serves as the vice provost for the Arizona State West Campus. Marlene brings amazing energy and a new vision to the UCSC campus. Dr. Tromp was a favorite candidate of the students and faculty who attended her campus visits. Our local Staff Assembly has already borrowed some of the great ideas Marlene discussed with staff during her campus visit. Dr. Tromp has some familiarity with UCSC as she has been attending our Dickens Project for many years. The Dickens Project is hosted on the UCSC campus each summer. Staff Assembly member John Steele represented staff at large on the search committee.

In January of 2017, Dr. Linda Scholz joined UCSC as our new Campus Diversity Officer for Students and Staff. Dr. Scholz comes to us from the Department of Communication Studies at Eastern Illinois University. Dr. Scholz brings a deep understanding of diversity and communication skills to the campus. Linda was a top choice amongst staff who participated and in one-off meetings with each of the finalists. Staff Assembly member John Steele represented staff at large on the search committee.

In December of 2016 the Staff Advisory Board wrapped up its pilot staff mentor program with a reception and discussion with the inaugural participants. The feedback we received was very positive and the program has helped raise the profile of our local staff assembly. The program has brought new members to our board and more interest for recruiting new members. The other side effect is that the process helped to spur more discussion about professional development and a more engaged partnership with our Staff Human Resources team.

UCSC Holiday Food Drive raised nearly 150,000 meals for community members in need. Each year between Thanksgiving and the Winter Break UCSC participates in our annual campus holiday food drive. The drive consists of pantry and dollar donation as well as a raffle program where all proceeds go Second Harvest Food Bank of Santa Cruz. UCSC is proud to partner with Second Harvest who has been named "The healthiest food bank in the nation".