



Santa Cruz Update
December 2013

CAMPUS WIDE

New Appointments

Dr. Anuradha Luther Maitra has been appointed Special Advisor to the Chancellor for International Initiatives.

Jeff Shilling, associate vice chancellor of strategic philanthropy, agreed to serve as vice chancellor of University Relations on an interim basis.

Jaye Padgett, professor of linguistics, has been appointed to a half-time position as faculty assistant on matters of retention and time to degree.

Henry Salameh has accepted the position of Director of Physical Plant. Henry joined UC Santa Cruz in 1998 and has served as Associate Director of Physical Plant while, most recently, also serving as Interim Director of Physical Plant.

Campus Initiatives/Events

UCSC successfully launched the public phase of the first ever comprehensive fundraising campaign with a reception for staff and faculty co-hosted by Fiona Weigant, Staff Advisory Board Chair and Joe Konopelski, Academic Senate Chair

LOCAL SAB

Staff Appreciation Welcome Back Fall Breakfast – update

Our breakfast on September 10th was one of our most successful staff appreciation events with over a thousand staff attending. Given the popularity of the breakfast we are considering alternating between the picnic and breakfast going forward.

Staff Fall Chancellor's Forum

SAB hosted the fall forum on October 22nd where Chancellor Blumenthal gave a campus update and answered questions. Issues discussed included: changes to retiree's health insurance costs and health plans, employee morale, salaries, professional development, UC Path, tuition discounts for employees and their children and housing shortage and rental costs in Santa Cruz. SAB recorded the forum and posted the audio on our website: <http://sab.ucsc.edu/>

Open Enrollment Forum/UCOP

SAB agreed to host the forum held on November 13th. We had about 60 attendees for the morning session and 70 for the afternoon session. You can see the presentation on the SAB website: <http://sab.ucsc.edu/>

President Napolitano visit October 18th 2013

Our new UC President met with a diverse group of UCSC campus constituents during her visit. She talked with students (including un-documented students), staff and faculty. SAB met with her for 45 minutes and touched on a variety of topics including:

- Employee morale
- Workload
- Salaries
- erosion of benefits
- Tuition discounts for employees and their children
- UC Path
- Staff Diversity
- Communications between UCSC and UCOP, between Senior Leadership and staff
- Professional Development for staff and release time