April 7, 2016

Dear Colleagues,

As we enter the final quarter of the academic year, I write to update you on developments within the Academic Senate and on campus.

The 2016-2018 Chair of the Senate is Professor Henning Bohn. His term will begin on September 1, 2016. Professor Bohn was elected from among four candidates who ran for the position.

Following the deep concern, recently, at UC Berkeley about cybersecurity policies and practices by the University, our campus Chief Information Officer, Associate Vice Chancellor Matthew Hall, is taking very seriously the protection of individual privacy and rights at our campus. There will likely be a re-instated Divisional Academic Senate Committee on Academic Computing that will work closely with AVC Hall.

In response to the disturbing incidents of hate speech that took place on our campus last week, the Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs, Dr. Margaret Klawunn, is holding a Town Hall today, Thursday April 7, from 5-6:30 p.m. in Corwin Pavilion. All are welcome and encouraged to attend.

Finally, the deadline for submitting a proposal for the Academic Senate Faculty Research Grant has been extended to Monday April 11, by 11:59 p.m. Proposals are to be submitted online.

https://senate.ucsb.edu/grants/

I wish you all the best for the rest of the quarter. Kum-Kum Bhavnani Chair, UCSB Academic Senate