To the Faculty Legislature, Santa Barbara Division:

According to Academic Senate Divisional Bylaws and Regulations, Appendix II, D1.93, the Executive Committee of the Bren School of Environmental Science & Management is a committee of the Academic Senate authorized as an organization through which the Faculty of the School can coordinate the academic affairs of the School. The Committee reports to, and is responsible to, the Academic Senate and its officers. The Executive Committee is distinguished from Administrative committees that are created by the Administration and are responsible to, and report to, Administrative Officers.

The Faculty Executive Committee (FEC) for the Bren School of Environmental Science & Management met nine times during the academic year. The following is a list of the major issues addressed by the FEC:

1. **REVISED TECHNOLOGY MANAGEMENT PROGRAM PROPOSAL**
   The Bren School FEC provided suggestions and observations within the context of its endorsement of the creation of the Technology Management Program (TMP) academic unit and establishment of the TMP degree program in the College of Engineering.

2. **POLICY ISSUES – COMMENTS TO THE ACADEMIC SENATE**
   The FEC offered comments on the following issues:
   - Rebenching report;
   - Changes to APM policies;
   - Proposed Policy on scheduling courses;
   - UC open access proposed policy;
   - Senate Regulations 350D.2 and 300B.1;
   - Proposal to remove redundant major information from the diploma;

3. **ACADEMIC PROGRAM REVIEW**
   On behalf of the faculty, the FEC prepared the self-assessment, department development plan, and data collection connected with the Bren School’s first academic program review since 2003-04. The FEC was also the lead faculty group to identify nominators for External Review Committee members.

3. **BREN SCHOOL INTERNAL ACADEMIC POLICIES**
   The FEC endorsed a proposal to require a petition for deferment of core courses, defined a protocol for review of an executive education program, and reviewed a proposal to make core courses available online.

4. **STRATEGIC PLANNING PROCESS**
   The FEC continued to manage implementation of the Bren School strategic planning process, including the first annual selection of a Bren School strategic initiative.

5. **UC PATH**
   FEC members discussed the effects on faculty of recent changes to administrative policies and procedures, recognizing that UCPath and other new campus and UC systems will bring additional changes in the coming months and years. J. Frew will compose a memo to the Academic Senate requesting wider consultation with faculty on these changes prior to their implementation, especially with respect to their “usability”.
6. **BUDGET REVIEW**  
The FEC conducted a review of the Bren School's budget, presented by the Dean.

7. **FEC MEMBERS + ELECTION OF NEW MEMBERS FOR 2013-14**  
The FEC conducted a secret ballot of the faculty to elect new members for next year.

Members of the Faculty Executive Committee

**James Frew, Chair**  
Patricia Holden  
John Melack  
Naomi Tague  
Steven Gaines (*ex officio*)