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National New Majority Faculty Day: Teach-Out to Stop Budget Cuts & Defend Education at UCSC

UCSC Faculty working outside the tenure system will teach classes outside and hold a “Teach-Out” rally to raise awareness about how proposed budget cuts target Lecturers and the quality of education at UC.

Faculty members will be holding their classes outside this Thursday and participating in a multi-union noon rally. They are responding to a national call to action by the New Majority Faculty campaign which seeks to draw attention to the fact that 70% of those teaching in higher education in the US today do not have access to tenure, have limited academic freedom and job security, and are disproportionately targeted during layoffs. The University of California system is poised to use the current economic downturn to justify the layoff of Lecturers, and once these teachers are released, we will witness a cutting of courses and an expansion of class size coupled with an increase in tuition and fees.

A “Teach-Out” rally will be held at noon with undergraduates, grad-students, lecturers, librarians, and other campus staff urging UC to prioritize its undergraduate education mission. This includes preserving UCSC’s flagship Community Studies program, retaining longtime scholars and lecturers in the Latin American and Latino Studies program, and protecting other vital campus programs designed to support and retain the most vulnerable students.

WHAT: “Teach-Out” Rally

WHEN: Thursday, April 30, 2009, Noon

WHERE: UCSC Baytree Plaza, 1156 High Street, Santa Cruz, CA 95064

WHO: Non-Tenure Track Lecturers, Librarians, Teaching Assistants, campus staff and students