

UCSC Faculty Association 2013 Election Results

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To the SCFA Membership:

An Election Notice was sent to the membership on May 18, 2013 with the names of the candidates. Since no opposition to these nominations was received by the June 3, 2013 close of the election, the slate is accepted as elected.

We wish first to thank outgoing board members Regina Langhout and Andrew Matthews who will be stepping off the board in September, 2013, and thank them for their service to the UCSC Academic Senate through their SCFA activities.

Cindy Cruz, Shelly Errington and Joel Primack will continue their terms as members of the Executive Board. Ben Carson, Ben Crow and Elizabeth Stephens have been re-elected to a new term. We welcome Chris Connery and Ronnie Lipschutz who have now been elected as members of our Board. We thank you for your willingness to contribute your time and energy to our Association.

We are pleased to inform you that the proposed amendment to our Bylaws has been approved and can be found on our website. We are still working with Labor Relations and payroll to set up the new dues structure and will advise you when it is in place.

The news from the state legislature during the past months is disheartening. Senator Steinberg's bill SB520 passed the CA State Senate 20-0 (with 11 Democratic senators not voting); SB 520 creates a grant program for faculty at the state's higher education institutions to develop online courses with

private online providers such as Coursera.

Robert Powell, chair of the UC Academic Senate, said the bill fails to address long-standing concerns about the use of private contractors in public education, especially at the University of California. "The bill has not met the criticisms that we've had of the bills since the beginning," Powell said (quoted in The Daily Californian, June 4). "They undermine the efforts that the university has been making ... It's overly prescriptive."

Our efforts to educate legislators about what to realistically expect from online learning tools continues. We maintain that a small increment on the income tax -- \$48.00 for the median return -- would fully fund California's three public higher education systems. For details of the \$48.00 calculation and how the tax would vary across income levels, see:

<http://keepcaliforniaspromise.org/3025/restore-2012-13-january-update/>

Be sure to visit our website for ongoing discussions concerning MOOCS and other matters relating to online education. We encourage you to invite other faculty members to participate in our discussion and work towards the rebuilding of our University system.

Have a nice summer!

The SCFA Board



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