April 16, 2015

Dear Colleagues,

Below is the motion that we plan to make at the April 22 Senate Meeting. We feel it is consonant with the petition you all signed expressing concerns about the Silicon Valley plan, and hope that you will come to the meeting to support the motion. We will need a ¾ vote for the motion to pass. Below the text of the motion, and in the left margin, is a link to the documents the administration provided in answer to our and the Senate Executive Committee's query.

In Solidarity,
The Faculty Organizing Group

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Text of Motion:

Whereas the UC Santa Cruz administration proposes to establish a presence in Silicon Valley, including a commitment of faculty FTE

And whereas the Senate Executive Committee criticized the academic plan for this venture on December 17, 2013, calling for "a clearly articulated vision for what UCSC is striving to accomplish" and "a business plan that allows us to assess the benefits and opportunity costs",

And whereas the Administration has failed to provide such a business plan,

Therefore be it resolved that the Santa Cruz Division of the Academic Senate CALLS on the Administration to provide a business plan for UCSC’s Silicon Valley venture that a) provides evidence demonstrating that it will be self-sufficient or revenue generating, and details the estimated time and costs required to reach this state; or if it is not presumed to be self-sufficient or revenue generating, then b.) documents the resources needed, the resultant opportunity costs, and benefits to campus academic programs.

ADVISES all Senate committees to refrain from endorsing UCSC’s growth in Silicon Valley until such a business plan has been discussed as an agenda item in a meeting of the Division

REQUESTS the UCSC Administration not to commit permanent resources such as faculty FTE to Silicon Valley until Senate consultation in the manner outlined
above has occurred.

FYI: Link to the documentation provided by the administration http://senate.ucsc.edu/archives/Current%20Issues/Silicon%20Valley/Academic%20Planning.html