

To: Council of University of California Emeriti Associations (CUCEA)

Fr: UCSC Emeriti Association, submitted by Prof. W. Todd Wipke, UCSC Representative

Re: Report of Activities, April 17, 2018-October 24, 2018

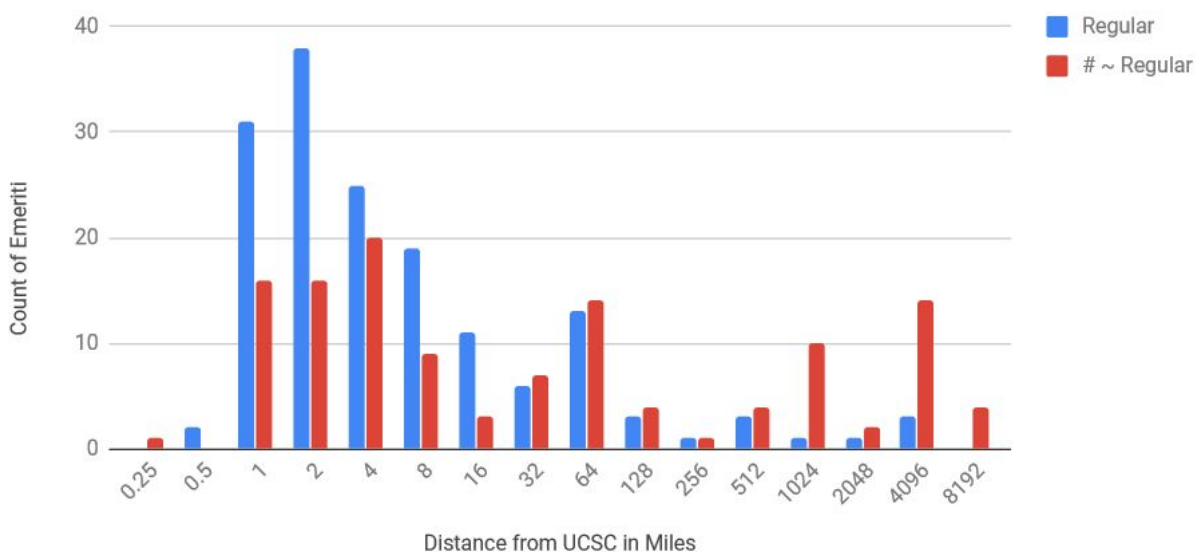
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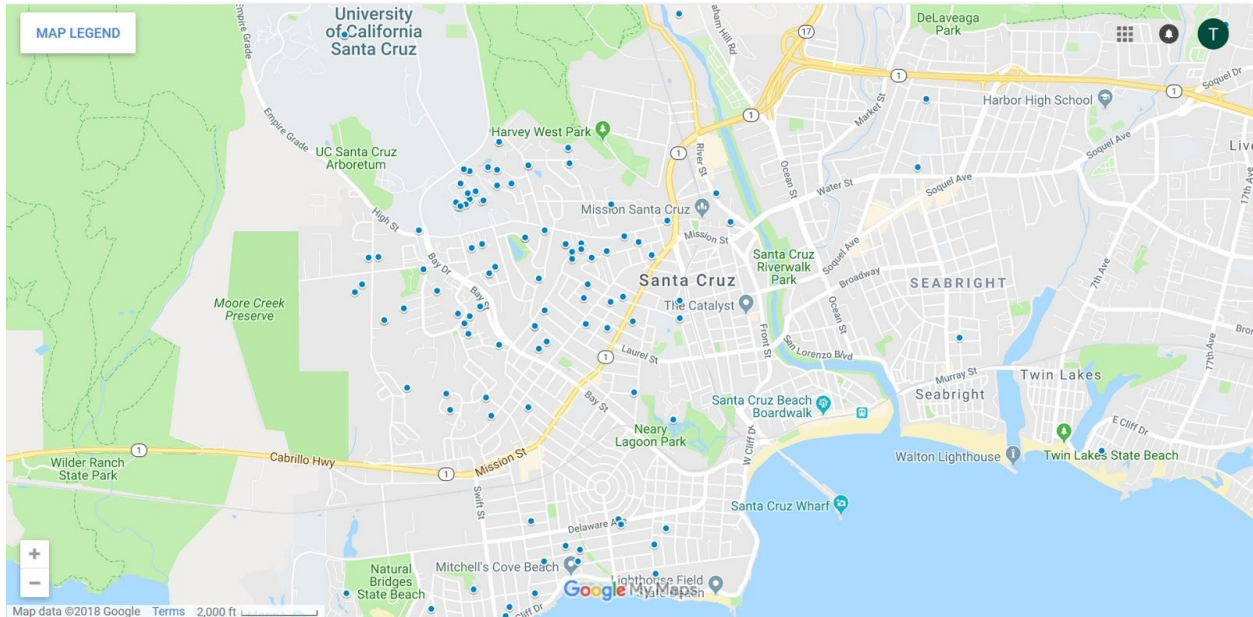
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Members

Our membership is presently 159 Regular members and 24 Associate members, a 6% increase in Regular members since April. We have 64 Lifetime members (\$200) and the remainder are Annual members (\$25). Our total number of living Emeriti is 283, of which 56% are members. Of our Emeriti non-members, 35% live greater than 60 miles from the UCSC campus. The chart below shows the count of members (blue) and of non-members (red) for each crow-flies distance from UCSC. This shows there are many non-members living close that could join. Over 66% of those living within 2 miles are members.

Emeriti Members and Non-Members vs Distance (miles)





Each dot represents the home of a UCSC Emeriti, there is a high density close to UCSC. All UCSC Emeriti have been mapped worldwide.

Deceased Members (Apr 17-Oct 24)

Peter Euben
Kathryn Metz
Art Pearl
Richard R. Randolph
Frank Talamantes
Donald Weygandt

We have completed our obituary list for all our 103 deceased Emeriti on our website: <https://emeriti.ucsc.edu/History/EmeritiMemorials/EmeritiMemorials.html> which also provides date of birth and date of death. We are extending Memorials coverage to Academic Senate members that died in office with 5 or more years of service, and age sufficient to retire with the Emeritus title (age 50). We have suggested to UCSC University Relations that they do likewise for deceased faculty not fitting Emeriti criteria, and to the Retiree Association.

Meetings

The UCSC Emeriti Association meets five times per year every other month on the third Thursday of the month starting in September at the UCSC Arboretum. After the meal is completed, a presentation is given, often by an active faculty member on campus. Luncheon attendance has risen to 55 in this period. Our Luncheon Talks are Live Streamed via Facebook and our emeriti.ucsc.edu website. The videos are then also available on our Youtube playlist Emeriti Luncheon Talks. (<https://tinyurl.com/ucscemeriti>) All of our videos are publically

available, world-wide. This means that all retirees anywhere can view them, they can be used by faculty for teaching, and even by other UC campuses. The talks for 2018-19 are:

Thursday Sep 20, 2018

Sara Abrahamsson, Assistant Professor of Electrical Engineering, “*Super-resolution Microscopy at UCSC - Developing Our Own Optical Systems.*”

Thursday Nov 8, 2018

Gail Hershatter, Distinguished Professor of History, “*Stubborn Silences: Writing the History of Chinese Women.*”

Thursday Jan 17, 2019

Andrew Fisher, Professor of Earth and Planetary Sciences, “*Mapping, Modeling, Measuring and Monetizing Enhanced Groundwater Recharge with Stormwater.*”

Thursday Mar 28, 2019

**Chancellor Blumenthal
“The State of UCSC”**

Thursday May 16, 2019

Carrie Partch, Associate Professor of Chemistry and Biochemistry, “*Morning Larks and Night Owls: How Circadian Timing Influences Your Life.*”

Emeriti Lectures

Twice a year the UCSC Emeriti Association organizes a public lecture honoring UCSC Emeriti research performed during retirement.

Tuesday, Nov 13, 2018, 7pm Music Recital Hall

Adrienne Zihlman, Professor Emerita Anthropology, “*Inside Story of the Apes.*”

Tuesday, Apr 9, 2019, 7pm Music Recital Hall

Phil Crews, Distinguished Research Professor of Chemistry and Biochemistry, “*Inspirational Biomolecules from Oceania.*”

(Emeriti Lectures are open to the public and free. Videos are available at emeriti.ucsc.edu, and our Youtube playlist: <https://tinyurl.com/ucscemeriti>)

Honors

Professor Emeritus Eli Silver, Earth & Planetary Sciences Department, elected as a Fellow of the American Geophysical Union. Honor will be celebrated at the December meeting in DC.

Diane Gifford-Gonzalez, Professor Emerita Anthropology, gave an invited keynote address at the annual meetings of the European Association of Archaeologists, in Barcelona, Spain.

Professor Emeritus Rodney Ogawa, Education, has been chosen as The Distinguished Social Sciences Emeriti Faculty Award winner, to be awarded 10/9/18.

Distinguished Professor Physics Emeritus Joel Primack is president of Sigma Xi, the scientific research honor society, July 2018 - June 2019 and guest edited the September-October 2018 issue of the Sigma Xi magazine *American Scientist*.

Professor Emerita Linda Burman Hall was honored to be one of a small number of invited exhibitors in an invitational exhibit of *Suiseki* (Japanese-style viewing stones) held concurrently with the U. S. National Bonsai Exhibition in Rochester, New York September 8-9.

Sandra Faber, Distinguished Professor Emerita Astronomy was just named a member of the Clarivate Hall of Laureates, which is supposed to identify potential Nobel Prize candidates based on large numbers of citations. See <https://clarivate.com/hall-of-citation-laureates-2018/> In April 2019 she will receive the Magellanic Premium from the American Philosophical Society. See <https://www.amphilsoc.org/prizes/magellanic-premium-american-philosophical-society>

John Brown Childs, Professor Emeritus Sociology, received the University of California Police Department's "Distinguished Service Commendation, for outstanding and exemplary service to the Department," (June 11). This award is primarily connected to his volunteer involvement in the Police Department's Defense Against Active Shooters classes for UCSC, faculty, staff, and students; and his five year involvement in the Active Shooter/Mass Casualty scenario simulation program, that trains police, fire, and medical services from around the city, county, and state in developing coordinated responses to events such as Las Vegas and Columbine.

Pension Payment Theft

We distributed a May 2, 2018 document describing the fact that one of our members, "OM", had a pension payment diverted to another bank, i.e., stolen on Sept 30, 2017. RASC refused to reimburse OM for the stolen payment. On May 10, 2018 UCSCEA widely distributed a document entitled Pension Payment Theft Prevention. UCFW picked up the case as did UCRS Advisory Board. President Wipke personally presented the case to UCRS Advisory Board in June during the Public Comments period. August 15, 2018, Wipke informed Dwaine Duckett and Gary Schlingen that the one year anniversary of the theft was rapidly approaching and it was time to reimburse the victims. Finally, Friday, Sept 28, 2018, **OM received a check from UC 's insurance company for the exact amount of his pension payment that was stolen one year ago.** OM is very grateful. The work that UCSCEA, CUCEA, UCFW, UCRS Advisory Board, and the systemwide Academic Senate did on OM's behalf paid off: 1) he got reimbursed;

2) security of the AtYourServiceOnline user front end got improved to prevent further thefts from employees or retirees. Case closed.

Retiree & Emeriti Center (REC)

The Center sponsored a reception for new retirees, and two cyber security training sessions. The Center Coordinator also assists with our Luncheon check-in process, and with pre-publicity for the CUCEA Emeriti Activity Survey October 8, 2018.

Newsletter 1-1 Published

Our first newsletter in 40 years was published 7/31/18: <https://emeriti.ucsc.edu/newsletters.html>
The newsletter was well received. It was sent to members and non-members, because we considered it so important that all emeriti should receive it. Issue 1-2 will be published 10/8/18, synchronized with the Emeriti Activity Survey. With articles from distant members, it is bringing us closer together. Our goals for member contributions are outlined in the first issue: be interesting, and convey the human side of being an emeriti.

UCSC Science and Engineering Library Destruction

The head librarian moved the science librarian from the science library to McHenry Library, thus unable to observe, moderate, or to preserve valuable and rare books.

During the summer, 2016, at the direction of the head of the UCSC library, Elizabeth Cowell, over 80,000 volumes were removed from the S&E library without any meaningful consultation with the faculty. In a blistering conclusion, the chair of the Academic Senate Library Committee (COLASC), stated that her committee was “blindsided” by librarian Cowell who was an ex-officio member of this committee.

To keep this operation secret from the faculty even the library staff were not informed until the removal operation began. Moreover, the volumes removed were sent to a shredder in direct violation of UC regulations about the disposal of excess library material.

The initial motivation for the removal of a limited number of volumes of the S&E library collection was a request of EVC Galloway to create study space for 200 students. But librarian Cowell’s plans call for space for over 1,500 students.

Ironically, the expensive S&E Library, built to support the enormous weight of stacks of books and journals is not well adapted to have a large number of students on each floor, because of lack of toilets, electrical utilities, and fire codes, etc., and will require millions to implement such a giant study hall.

The reaction of faculty members is well described by Professor of Mathematics Richard Montgomery when he discovered this demolition at the end of the summer 2016. He described it in an [article published in the San Jose Mercury News](#).

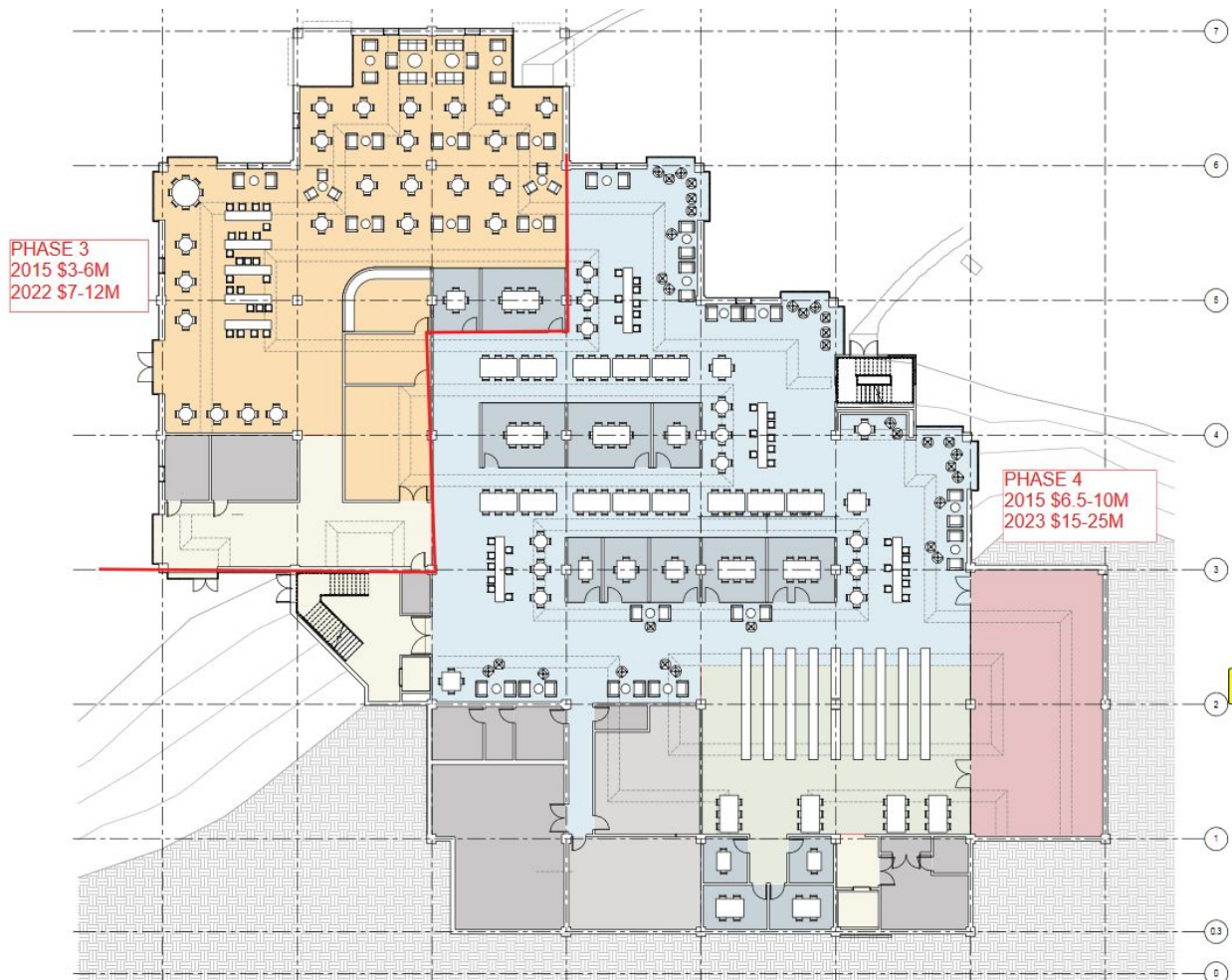
After this demolition was discovered, the UCSC Academic Senate passed a [unanimous resolution](#) demanding that the University Librarian take no further major action on the science and engineering collection without consulting the Academic Senate.

But in spite of this resolution, on Feb 10, 2017, Chancellor Blumenthal signed a Science and Engineering Library Renovation, Business Case Analysis (BCA) without consulting any faculty or department chairs. Moreover, the author of this BCA, University Librarian, Elizabeth Cowell refused to release it to the faculty. For example, the Academic Senate Committee on Library and Scholarly Communication (COLASC) was not allowed to see the secret plan. The Chair of Physics requested a copy from Dean Koch, but was refused. Finally Professor Emeritus Michael Nauenberg made a California Public Records Act request to obtain a copy. Now the UCSCEA makes those detailed plans *public*: see the [secret plan](#).

Of particular interest is the plan for the basement floor of the S&E library shown below and also part of the secret BCA plan. Originally the S&E library contained 55 stacks on this floor, today there are 34 stacks remaining, but the plan calls for only 9 stacks. Faculty do not know this! On the upper floor there were 60 stacks, now there are none and none on the main floor. The plan calls for none on those floors.

Nauenberg also requested a list of the books that were shredded and those that went to remote storage. Response: "No lists exist." This suggests ALL were shredded. See his [slides about our library](#).

The treasured Lick collection has been broken, some books have been moved to Special Collections so they can't be browsed or checked out, some were de-duplicated. There is no list of which books are now in Special Collections or de-duplicated. Astronomy faculty were not consulted.



Plan for the S&E Library Basement, only 9 stacks will remain. Previously we had 60 on the third floor and 55 in the basement, now 34 are in the basement, no stacks remain on the second or third floor. UCSC will have 9 stacks in the Science and Engineering Library, a UC Research University campus often ranking #1 or #2 in the nation in science citations?

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