Defending the University: A “Teach-In” on the Current Crisis

Schedule of Speakers

The University of California, Santa Barbara
Campbell Hall
October 14, 2009

A committee of students, staff and faculty has organized a “teach-in” to explore through multiple perspectives the origins and character of the current crisis at the University of California. It is both an educational and political event, designed to provide a progressive, alternative analysis of the budget crisis and a positive road forward for California, the UC system, and education at all levels in our state. We do not favor privatization of the University, austerity for the public schools, or furloughs, wage freezes, and fee hikes for staff, faculty, and students. We hope that the information and analysis generated by this teach-in will provide students, staff, faculty, and administrators with the weapons necessary to defend our university as it faces unprecedented attack.

2:30 p.m. Welcome from the Campbell Hall Steps

Charlie Arreola, President, Associated Students, UCSB

Reginald Archer, President, Graduate Student Association, UCSB

Jessie Bernal, Student Member of UC Regents

3:00 p.m. Introductory Remarks

Dean David Marshall, UCSB (invited)

Nelson Lichtenstein, Professor of History, UCSB

3:15 p.m. The Crisis at the University of California

Chair: Michael Brown, UCSB, former chair of the all-UC Faculty Assembly

Stan Glantz, Professor of Medicine, UC San Francisco, past chair of UC Committee on Planning and Budget

Robert Samuels, President, UC-American Federation of Teachers

Christine Petit, President, All UC Teaching Assistant’s Union (UAW 2865)
Robert Meister, Professor of Political Science, UC Santa Cruz, President, UC Faculty Associations.

5:00 p.m. **California Politics: What Reforms Do We Need?**

Chair: Aranye Fradenburg, Professor of English, UCSB

Sharde Davis, Chair, Student Fee Advisory Committee, UCSB

Lenny Goldberg, California Tax Reform Association

Ruth Gilmore, Professor of Ethnicity and Geography, University of Southern California

Kent Wong, Director, UCLA Labor Center

6:30 p.m. **Breakout Workshops and Panels at Various Locations on Campus**

A “soup kitchen” in the Campbell Hall plaza will serve those attending the teach-in. We invite campus and community groups and individuals to organize panels and workshop on a variety of topics. Please send proposals to both moore@msi.ucsb.edu and teachin.comm@gmail.com. These panels and workshops will be publicized on the teach-in program and web site.

8:30 p.m. **Where Do We Go From Here?**

Chair: Hannah Beth Jackson, former South Coast Assemblywoman

Janelle Mungo, Human Rights Coalition, UCSB

Loni Hancock, Chair, Elections, Reapportionment, and Constitutional Amendments Committee, California State Senate

George Lakoff, Professor of Linguistics, UC Berkeley