Subject: Update: Community Studies Major

Dear Colleagues,

We are forwarding the following announcement that was made on April 7 by our Vice Provost of Academic Affairs. Based on this announcement, please be aware that, beginning with the fall 2010 quarter, new undergraduates will not be able to pursue a degree in Community Studies at UC Santa Cruz.

We wanted to ensure you knew this and also that we have already communicated this information to all fall 2010 admitted students before they have to decide to accept their offer of admission. Their offer of admission remains intact, but they will need to pursue another major if they join our campus.

Thank you for your understanding in this matter.

Sincerely,

Office of Admissions
UC Santa Cruz

CAMPUS ANNOUNCEMENT - APRIL 7, 2010

To: UCSC Community

From: Alison Galloway, Vice Provost of Academic Affairs

Re: Status of Community Studies major

The Academic Senate's Committee on Educational Policy (CEP) has suspended the Community Studies major. This decision, which follows a lengthy period of concern, was made by CEP with input from the faculty and after consultation with the Dean of Social Sciences and central administration.

The suspension restricts new admission to the major for at least two years.

Effects on current students should be minimal.

• Students who are currently declared as Community Studies majors will be able to complete their degree.

• Prospective majors, who have already demonstrated intent to declare based on their enrollment or completion of a Community Studies course, will be allowed to proceed with the major.
In short, declared and prospective majors will be accommodated in the required courses. The course offerings for the next two to three years will be planned by the faculty in collaboration with the divisional administration.

For more background, please see the CEP decision: http://www.ucsc.edu/news_events/img/2010/04/cep_community-studies.pdf

Inquiries and concerns about this decision may be addressed to my office: http://www.ucsc.edu/administration/evc/academic_affairs.html

Thank you.