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UC Santa Cruz: Budget Facts

Background on 2011-2012 proposed reduction:

UC Santa Cruz's projected share of the University of California systemwide reduction for the 2011-12 year is approximately \$31 million. This current shortfall follows three very difficult budget years.

When combined with the reductions made during the 2008-09, 2009-10, and 2010-11 years, this latest cut means the campus will have absorbed more than \$50 million in permanent budget reductions in four years.

Over those four years, funding for the campus's academic and administrative areas will have decreased by 15 and 26 percent, respectively — even as enrollment has increased and the growth of the campus's research initiative has outpaced the national average.

The impact of those reductions on academic and support areas:

During the first three years of budget reductions, UCSC eliminated funding for 80 unfilled faculty positions; to address the expected 2011-12 budget shortfall, the campus may have to eliminate approximately 40 additional vacant positions. In total, these reductions amount to 16 percent of UCSC's faculty positions. These reductions have left UCSC essentially unable to replace faculty who leave or retire, which is already impacting departments and degree programs.

UCSC has also made significant cuts to funding for teaching assistants. In the first three years of these budget reductions, funding has been withdrawn for 110 TAs. The campus is projecting that it may have to withdraw funding for another 120 such positions for 2011-12.

Staff positions have also been reduced. In the first three years of these reductions, UCSC eliminated or reduced more than 300 staff positions. Vacant positions have been eliminated where possible, but many people have lost their jobs. UCSC is estimating that the 2011-12 budget reduction could require the elimination of another 150 staff positions.

Additional budget information:

Additional information on the budget reductions at UC Santa Cruz is available at: <http://ucsc.edu/budget-update>