

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

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 tuition 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.

(As of September 20 all speakers are confirmed except Senator Romero. Panel chairs have not yet been invited)

3:00 p.m. **Introduction**

Nelson Lichtenstein, Professor of History, UCSB

Charlie Arreola. President, Associated Students, UCSB

Reginald Archer, President, Graduate Student Association, UCSB

Chancellor Henry Yang (message of welcome/video)

3:30 p.m. **The Crisis at the University of California**

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

Jessie Bernal, Student Member of the UC Regents

Robert Samuels, President, UC-American Federation of Teachers

Robert Meister, Professor of Political Science, UC Santa Cruz, President, UC Faculty Associations.

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

Lenny Goldberg, California Tax Reform Association

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

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

Kent Wong, Director, UCLA Labor Center

Sharde Davis, Chair, Student Fee Advisory Committee, UCSB

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?**

Janelle Mungo, Option 4, Human Rights Coalition, UCSB

George Lakoff, Professor of Linguistics, UC Berkeley

Art Pulaski, Executive Secretary Treasurer, California AFL-CIO

Gloria Romero, Chair, Education Committee, California State Senate*