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INITIATIVE PROPOSALS

Message from William C. Webster,
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MEMBERS OF THE BERKELEY FACULTY:

RE: INVITATION TO FACULTY GATHERINGS TO PREPARE NEW ACADEMIC
INITIATIVE PROPOSALS

I am pleased to announce that the campus will continue to implement the recommendations contained in the UC Berkeley Strategic Academic Plan by issuing a call for proposals for new academic initiatives that respond to the ****ten academic themes of exceptional promise**** outlined in the Plan.

The campus plans to seed new academic initiatives with up to 20 faculty FTE over the next three years. In Spring, 2003, a ten-member joint Academic Senate/Administration Selection Committee will recommend two to three new initiatives, each with up to 8 Faculty FTE along with staff and a support budget, to the Executive Vice Chancellor and Provost and Academic Senate Budget Committee for their consideration. A summary of the UC Berkeley Strategic Academic Plan, including the section, ****Pursuing New Areas of Inquiry**** is available on the web at <http://spc.vcbf.berkeley.edu/>.

To assist faculty in collaborating on the development of proposals that respond to the ten themes, I will be hosting initial gatherings of faculty interested in these new areas at ten separate afternoon events. The purpose of the gatherings is to outline the procedures that will be used to solicit and evaluate proposed new initiatives, allow interested faculty to gather around common themes, and permit time for the faculty to begin to organize their response to this exciting new opportunity.

The initial gatherings will be held from 4:00pm-6:00pm, according to the following schedule.

Nanosciences and Nanoengineering
Friday, September 6, @ Toll Room, Alumni House

International Relations and Global Security
Monday, September 9, @ Lounge, Women's Faculty Club

New Media
Tuesday, September 10, @ Lounge, Women's Faculty Club

Society and Technology
Friday, September 13, @ Chancellor's Conference Room

Computational Biology
Monday, September 16, @ Lounge, Women's Faculty Club

Metropolitan Studies
Tuesday, September 17, @ Toll Room, Alumni House

Cultural Evolution, Preservation, and Extinction
Thursday, September 19, @ Toll Room, Alumni House

New Economic Theories
Friday, September 20, @ Chancellor's Conference Room

Complex Systems, Design, and Human Interfaces
Monday, September 23, @ Lounge, Women's Faculty Club

Environment
Tuesday, September 24, @ Lounge, Women's Faculty Club

The format for these receptions will be:

- Introductions of Administration, Senate and interested Faculty-
- Outline of Academic Strategic Planning effort and New Academic Initiatives
- The proposal process
- Questions and Answers for Administration and Senate leadership
- Faculty explorations of opportunities

For catering purposes, please indicate if you will be attending one or more faculty gatherings by contacting Rose Sartori (sartori@uclink4.berkeley.edu, 643-0255) by Tuesday, September 3, 2002.

We are excited about the opportunities the new academic initiatives present for creating an intellectually vibrant future for the campus.

William C. Webster
Vice Provost, Academic Planning and Facilities

*The following documents are available for viewing at the Strategic Planning website: <http://spc.vcbf.berkeley.edu/>:

Academic Strategic Plan

"Academic Themes" from Idea Submissions

New Initiatives Invitation

Strategic Plan Summary -- Pursuing New Areas of Inquiry

Criteria for Evaluation of the Proposals for New Programmatic Thrusts