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New Majority Faculty Day – National Day of Action

UC faculty will teach classes outside and hold a rally to raise awareness about budget cuts, and the fact that the majority of instruction at UC is done by people teaching outside the tenure system

Across the UC system, non-tenure track faculty members will be holding their classes outside to draw attention to the fact that the majority of people teaching in higher education do not have access to tenure and have limited academic freedom and job security. The University of California system is poised to use the current economic downturn to justify the layoff of lecturers, and once these teachers are released, we will witness a cutting of courses and an expansion of class size coupled with an increase in tuition and fees. On Thursday, many lecturers will pass out information to their students and wear stickers that read, “Teaching Matters”.

The UCSB community will “Hug the Library” as a symbol of the need for UC to reprioritize its undergraduate education mission. Speakers will videotape short statements about why they are hugging the Library.

WHAT: “Hug the Library”

WHEN: Thursday, April 30, 12:00,
Speakers will form a circle around the front of the library at about 12:30 pm

WHERE: Davidson Library, UCSB

WHO: Non-tenure track lecturers, librarians, teacher assistants, students, staff and faculty.

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