



University Council-American Federation of Teachers

Representing Non-Senate Faculty & Librarians at the University of California

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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".

On April 30 at 12:30pm, students, faculty and librarians will form a giant circle around Rivera Library at UC Riverside. This "hugging of the library" by students, faculty and library staff is to urge UC not to place the burden of the budget on the most vulnerable and call attention to the need for immediate support by UC in order to maintain quality libraries and librarians at UC, affordability and access to courses for students, and job security and morale for lecturers and librarians.

WHAT: "Hugging of the Library" students, faculty and librarians will form a giant circle around the library.

WHEN: Thursday, April 30, 12:30pm

WHERE: Rivera Library at UC Riverside

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