Senior Women’s Council
The Senior Women’s Council was founded in 1993 to create a forum for defining and actively addressing issues that promote gender equity and diversity at UCSB, a concern that has relevance for all facets of the campus community. All tenured women faculty and lecturers with SOE are automatically eligible for membership. The steering committee, comprised of 15-20 members, specifies several programmatic goals that the Council will work to accomplish each academic year. The direction of SWC’s program is based on input from all tenured women who attend the annual SWC luncheon. SWC activities receive support from the Executive Vice Chancellor and UCSB’s Office of Diversity, Equity, and Academic Policy.

Senior Women’s Council Mission Statement
We come together in this regular forum to support all senior women in academic and administrative positions, to discuss issues of equity and diversity, as well as working conditions more generally, and to encourage and support a political presence on campus for senior women, as well as to provide support networks through which to communicate and effect that support. We advocate service to the campus by tenured women faculty, but in ways coordinated to be much more inclusive, and less burdensome for each individual. In that process, we will share information and provide each other the support often lacking in the day-to-day groups where, in many cases, women may be a significant minority.

Summary of last year’s activities
- Created a listserv
- Hosted a networking social hour
- Participated by phone in a UC CSW meeting

Thoughts about infrastructure
- Tasks that need to be accomplished
  - Coordinate SWC meetings
  - Coordinate networking events for female faculty
  - Coordinate informational/skills-building events for female faculty
  - Represent SWC on CACSW
  - Manage listserv and dropbox
- Anyone willing to be co-chairs?
- Are SWC members who are not co-chairs willing to take on any of these (e.g., plan an event, represent SWC on CACSW)?

Planning for this year
- Mentoring
- What else?