UCSC abbreviations, acronyms and other useful information

- **AA/PIRC** - Asian American/Pacific Islander Resource Center
- **AARCC** – African American Resource and Cultural Center
- **Academic Preceptors** - advisors in the college that guide students in all academic areas outside of their major – satisfying general education or University requirements, adding/dropping courses, leave of absence, and academic difficulties
- **ACAO** - Associate College Administrative Officer
- **ACPC** – Assistant College Programs Coordinator
- **AIRC** – American Indian Resource Center
- **AIS** - Academic Information Services – the system of record for Academic Advising, Undergraduate and Graduate Admissions, Campus Community, Financial Aid, Student Business Services and Student Records
- **ARC** - Academic Resource Collaborative – coalition of Student Affairs units including the Disability Resource Center (DRC), Educational Opportunity Programs (EOP), Learning Support Services (LSS), Services for Transfer and Re-Entry Students (STARS), Student Media and Student Volunteer Center (SVC) – supports student academic success
- **CAO** - College Administrative Officer (one per two sister colleges)
- **Cantu Center** - The Lionel Cantu Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, Transgender, Intersex Resource Center
- **CAPS** – Counseling and Psychological Services
- **CPC** - College Programs Coordinator – coordinates college-wide programs and activities.
- **CRE** - Coordinator for Residential Education
- **CSO** - Community Safety Officer - works nights to build community with the residents, to address safety and security issues, and to enforce policy
- **DRC** - Disability Resource Center
- **e2** – Engaging Education – student-run, student-initiated center that focuses on increasing the diversity of historically underrepresented and under resourced students within higher education
- **EAP** - Education Abroad Program – under the Office of International Education
- **El Centro** – Chicano Latino Resource Center
- **EOP** - Educational Opportunity Programs - promotes the retention, academic success, and graduation rates of first generation college, low-income, and educationally disadvantaged student populations, and assist these students with preparation for admission to graduate and professional schools.
- **FSA** - Food Service Advisor—a student who serve as the liaison between Dining Services Program and students. Each sister-college pair has one FSA
- **FSH** - Family Student Housing
- **GSA** - Graduate Student Association
- **ILC** – **International Living Center** – residential mixture of international and domestic students, located at the College Nine and Ten apartments
- **ITS** – Information Technology Services – provides a broad spectrum of IT-related resources and services – web services, media services, technical support and training, voice and data services, administrative computing, instructional computing and information systems security
- **OL**- orientation leaders who assist with move in, orientation and other events during the year (called “Slugs” at Porter)
- **OPERS**-Office of Physical Education, Recreation and Sports
- **Provost**-each college has a provost or co-provosts who serves as the academic leader of the College
- **RA** – undergraduate student who lives in residence halls and apartments. RAs build community and support community standards and expectations
- **ResNet**- high speed network connections in the residential buildings and the office that operates a help desk to support the users of this service
- **SHO**-Student Housing On-Line – the computer system that allows students to apply for housing and the Housing Coordinators to place students in rooms
- **SHOP**-Student Health Outreach and Promotion - offers information, education, resources and support on issues such as Alcohol and other Drug Use, Sexually Transmitted Infections and Sexual Health, Holistic Health and Stress Management
- **SHS**-Student Housing Services - located in the Hahn building – responsible for Campus Housing administration, Community Rentals Office, Online Housing program and Marketing Communications
- **SJA** – Student Judicial Affairs – office responsible for the overall coordination of the student conduct process and policies on campus – office maintains the Student Policies and Regulations Handbook
- **SOAR**-Student Organization Advising and Resources – offers mentorship, leadership training, organizational development advising and event management services to various campus student groups and organizations
- **SUA**-Student Union Assembly – the official student government body at the University
- **TAPS**-Transportation and Parking Services, the office that provides parking passes and enforces parking rules
- **UTC**- University Town Center –provides student housing for continuing students – located on Pacific Avenue
- **The Village** - housing unit located near the Lower Quarry on Hagar Drive - houses continuing students in modular units.