

Thomas Vani  
Vice Chancellor Business and Administrative Services

Tom Vani manages Business and Administrative Services (BAS), one of the largest divisions at UCSC with 560 staff, a \$55 million annual operating budget and a \$30 million to \$100 million annual capital projects budget. His organization is responsible for financial affairs, public safety (including police, fire, and environmental health and safety), the physical plant, campus planning and construction, transportation, staff human resources, university business services (including purchasing, mail and printing services, and risk management), and the office of planning and analysis. Tom also oversees the UCSC Silicon Valley Center project. As Vice Chancellor and a member of the Chancellor's senior leadership team, Tom plays an important and critical role in campus management and strategic planning. Currently he chairs the Long Range Development Plan Committee, which is planning for campus development to the year 2020. In addition, he is responsible for the implementation of five significant business transformation projects to improve business operations with new processes and enhanced technology. Tom also serves as the Treasurer of the UC Santa Cruz Foundation.

Tom's career with the University of California spans twenty-four years at three different campuses. Tom began in 1980 at UCLA as a Residence Hall General Manager and eventually held the position of Residence Hall Administrator. Moving to Berkeley in 1987 as Director of Housing and Dining Services, Tom advanced to Executive Director of Auxiliary Services, and was then promoted to Executive Director of Financial Services. In 1996 Tom was selected for his current position as Vice Chancellor of Business and Administrative Services at UC Santa Cruz. During recruitment for Vice Chancellor for University Relations, Tom was concurrently appointed the job on an interim basis. He held both positions for seven months until a successful recruitment was completed.

Raised in New York, Tom is the first in his family to attend college, and retains a deep appreciation of higher education and how it improves people's lives. He worked full time and attended college year round in order to graduate in four years. He went to Fordham University for his first two years and finished at the New School for Social Research where he received his bachelor's degree in Communications. In 1990, while at UCLA, Tom completed a Master's degree in Mass Communications at California State University, Northridge.