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Dear UCSB Students,

In May 2015 and May 2017, students voiced concerns and areas for improvement in our University efforts to prevent and respond to sexual assault. I want to personally commend every brave survivor and ally who had the courage and perseverance to speak up about their experience. It is due to your student voice that UC Santa Barbara has created lasting change.

I am writing now to highlight the student activism and staff efforts in addressing concerns around sexual assault.

Sexual assault is an issue that impacts us all at UC Santa Barbara. As members of this community, we can each play a critical role in preventing sexual violence and looking out for our fellow Gauchos. Additionally, as an institution, UC Santa Barbara is committed to maintaining a safe, supportive, and respectful environment for all.

We continue our commitment to provide professional confidential resources and robust primary prevention education through the CARE office, with service locations on campus and in Isla Vista. Additionally, as Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs, I have decided to institutionalize student-led efforts so that their legacy will continue to be at the center of our mission. These efforts are as follows:

- Maintain website that commemorates student efforts and updates progress of demands
- Host town hall twice annually during fall and winter quarters
- Issue a written update to student community each May
- Publish an annual report each fall with statistics of incidents allegedly perpetrated by UCSB students and of the campus's response
- Staff will continue to conduct listening sessions in smaller group settings by reaching out to registered student organizations to receive and integrate feedback

The work of responding to and preventing sexual assault on our campus remains one of diligence, commitment, and high priority for me. I also recognize that it does not come without sacrifice to students who come forward or staff who have chosen this as their life's work. I am honored to be part of a campus community that continues to strive for the best care for our students and develop innovative efforts to create change and prevent sexual assault.

Sincerely,

Margaret Klawunn
Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs