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To: Campus Community

Fr: Margaret Klawunn, Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs
Debbie Fleming, Assistant Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs
Katya Armistead, Dean of Student Life

Re: Today’s Events at UCLA

By now you may have heard through the news or on social media about a shooting that occurred earlier today on the UCLA campus. We do not have confirmation of all of the details, but what has been shared publicly by UCLA is that two people were killed in an apparent murder-suicide that took place at UCLA’s Engineering IV building. The campus was immediately placed on a lockdown. UCLA is now reporting that no further shots were fired after the initial shooting took place, and the campus is now safe and secured.

Our thoughts are with the UCLA campus today as they face this tragedy. It is likely that some in our community have friends, family, or colleagues at UCLA about whom we have been worried, and that what happened today at UCLA may bring up unsettling emotions as we are reminded of the Isla Vista tragedy of May 23, 2014. As we know so well, the support of other UC students, staff and faculty will be an important part of the healing process for UCLA.

We have counselors available for you on campus should you want to talk with someone, even for just a check in about how you are feeling. If you feel that someone else needs help, please reach out to them and encourage them to seek assistance as well. For students, CAPS (Counseling and Psychological Services) can be reached 24/7 at (805) 893-4411 and resources are available on the CAPS website: www.caps.sa.ucsb.edu. Staff and faculty members can seek support through the Academic and Staff Assistance Program (ASAP) at 805-893-3318.