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Dear New Gauchos:

We look forward to having you join our UC Santa Barbara community. At this time of transition, it is important to share our campus values with you. We hope that you will share these values, and that your membership in our community will contribute to a productive, healthy, and safe campus.

UCSB values respectful interpersonal interactions. This is more than a value; it is an expectation. There is no tolerance for sexual violence or assault of any kind, including sexual activity without fully informed and conscious consent, dating or domestic violence, or stalking. These actions, whether committed on or off campus, are violations of UC policy (<http://policy.ucop.edu/doc/4000385/SHSV>), campus regulations, and the law. We are committed to providing education to help prevent sexual violence, as well as resources to support survivors and encourage reporting. Ending sexual violence is a goal we must all work towards by confronting actions and attitudes that perpetuate such behavior.

UCSB also values healthy and respectful dialogue. We value civility, dignity, and differences of opinion that ultimately help all of us to learn and grow. We value listening, courtesy, and open-mindedness. We value freedom of expression, and will respect academic and personal freedoms. You may find, however, that there are times when your free expression (either verbal or online) offends or causes discomfort in others or when you become offended or uncomfortable after listening to the speech of another. It is in these times that we hope you will reflect on our campus values, take a moment to listen, and express your views thoughtfully and empathetically. This is our campus culture. Gauchos express their views in ways that maintain the dignity of every community member.

Promoting free speech on our campus aligns with our support for academic freedom; it nurtures innovative thinking and the creation of new knowledge. However, free speech is not unconditional. Speech in which a direct threat is made, or which harasses a particular individual, is not protected speech and is a violation of our campus policies. ("Harassment" is defined in the Student Conduct Code, section 102.09, available online at: <http://judicialaffairs.sa.ucsb.edu>.) Such speech could jeopardize your status as a student. UCSB also has time, place, and manner regulations which ensure that free expression does not disrupt classes or the orderly operation of the campus.

Like our greater society, UCSB is not immune to acts of intolerance, sexual violence, or other misconduct. Please report such behavior and seek assistance from the following resources if you are the victim of or become aware of such an incident:

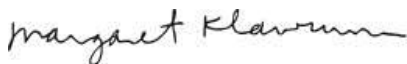
- **CARE Advocate Office for Sexual and Gender-Based Violence or Misconduct**, (confidential resources and information on reporting options for sexual violence, sexual assault, abusive

relationships, and stalking), Student Resource Building, 805-893-4613 (24-hour advocacy line) or <http://wgse.sa.ucsb.edu/CARE> or <http://sexualviolence.ucsb.edu>

- **Title IX/Sexual Harassment Policy Compliance Office** to officially report incidents of sexual violence, sexual harassment, dating or domestic violence, or stalking to the University, 805-893-2701 or <https://oeosh.ucsb.edu>
- **Counseling and Psychological Services (CAPS) and 24/7 Counseling**, 805-893-4411 or <http://counseling.sa.ucsb.edu>
- **Hate Incident Response Coordinator/Office of Judicial Affairs**, 805-893-5016 or <http://judicialaffairs.sa.ucsb.edu> (to report misconduct)
- **UC System-wide Intolerance Report Form**, to report a hate or bias incident: https://ucsystems.ethicspointvp.com/custom/ucs_ccc/default.asp
- **UCSB Police Department**, 805-893-3446 or www.police.ucsb.edu (911 in an emergency) and **Isla Vista Foot Patrol**, 805-681-4179 (911 in an emergency)
- **Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender Resources and the Resource Center for Sexual and Gender Diversity**, 805-893-5847 or <http://wgse.sa.ucsb.edu/sgd/home>

Additional resources for addressing campus climate issues are available from the Office of Student Life, Educational Opportunity Program, MultiCultural Center, Dream Scholars Resource Team, and the Veteran's Resource Center (contact information available at www.sa.ucsb.edu). Each department listed offers student involvement opportunities. We hope you will lead the way in making sure our campus is a safe and welcoming place for all.

Sincerely,



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