Dear SA Colleagues,

By now you may have heard the sad news about the stabbing at UC Merced earlier this morning in which five people were injured and the perpetrator was shot by police and later died. Our hearts go out to our faculty and staff colleagues and the injured and affected students at UC Merced. It is likely that some in our community have friends, family, or colleagues at UC Merced about whom we are worried, and that what happened at UC Merced may bring up unsettling emotions as we are reminded of the Isla Vista tragedy of May 23, 2014.

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](http://www.caps.sa.ucsb.edu). Student Health has registered nurses available 24/7 through their number (800) 539-1387, and Urgent Care is available weekdays 8 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. without appointments needed. Staff and faculty members can seek support through the Academic and Staff Assistance Program (ASAP) at 805-893-3318.

The support of other UC students, staff and faculty will be an important part of the healing process for UC Merced. To that end, UCSB CAPS is providing several mutual aid psychologists to assist the Merced campus. Additionally, if you would like to express your solidarity with the UC Merced campus please stop by the Student Resource Building (SRB), Student Life Resource Center (Room 1104), to write a personal message on a banner that we will send to UC Merced later this week.

Sincerely,

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