

November 14, 2013

To: UCSC Faculty
From: Alison Galloway, Campus Provost and Executive Vice Chancellor
Re: Instruction during Scheduled Labor Strike on November 20, 2013

The University has been informed that there will be a labor strike at all of its campuses and medical centers on November 20, 2013. The UAW Local 2865 Academic Student Employees has informed the campus that Teaching Assistants will engage in a sympathy strike with AFSCME. At this time we do not know the extent of these planned activities or how they may impact our campus.

The University Strike Policy balances the right of employees to strike with the right of the University to maintain its operations and the rights of students and other recipients of University services to pursue their activities without hindrance.

Academic employees are expected to perform their research and instruction consistent with Regents Orders. I ask that rescheduling or relocation of classes only occur as long as there is agreement from all students in the class and the needs of all of these students are considered. Complaints from students concerning cancelled or rescheduled classes will be referred to the department chair or college provost and divisional dean for verification and response.

Department or program chairs and college provosts are responsible for scheduling times and places of class meetings. Faculty should request to reschedule a class through the chair or provost. In approving rescheduling of a class, the chair or provost should ensure that University policies regarding student accommodations and educational effectiveness are met.

I appreciate your efforts during this time, and I remain hopeful that we will come to a mutually agreeable resolution soon. Questions should be directed to your department or program chair.

Here is a link to a message we will be sending to the campus community by noon tomorrow.
<http://news.ucsc.edu/2013/11/strike-activity/message-to-campus.html>