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DEPARTMENT CHAIRS
PROGRAM DIRECTORS
COLLEGE PROVOSTS

Re: Potential Impacts to Instructional Continuity November 20-21

Dear Colleagues,

As noted in a [recent update](#) from Campus Provost and Executive Vice Chancellor (CP/EVC) Lori Kletzer, AFSCME intends to strike on all UC campuses November 20-21, affecting basic services such as transportation, dining services, custodial, and others. During this strike, accessing classrooms, labs, and faculty offices on the residential campus may be challenging. Coastal Sciences Campus, Westside Research Park, and Silicon Valley campus should not be impacted. With campus transportation and food services curtailed, some students may have difficulties leaving campus, while others may face barriers getting onto the residential campus.

To help you manage potential impacts on instruction during these two days, the Committee on Educational Policy (CEP) and Graduate Council (GC) offer the following guidance:

- Instructors are authorized to adopt flexible instructional methods, including remote options if necessary. All changes in modality should be communicated to department chairs, program directors, or college provosts and, subsequently, to students. The Teaching and Learning Center offers [resources](#) for adapting instruction.
- Instructors may adjust syllabi as needed, including rescheduling in-person exams, shifting deadlines, or creating alternative assignments. In these cases, we ask that instructors clearly communicate any syllabus or deadline changes to students, explaining how these adjustments support their learning. For support with online proctoring, please contact the TLC (tlc@ucsc.edu).
- Instructors should also inform teaching assistants (TAs), readers, and tutors of any changes to schedules, assignments, or modality to ensure TAs are prepared to support students effectively.
- Mentors of graduate students whose research courses require campus facilities should work with their mentees on how best to maintain research continuity during the strike.
- For units with lab courses requiring specialized facilities, chairs, program directors, and provosts should work directly with their divisional deans to address any possible staffing challenges.

As the situation continues to develop, clear and consistent communication will help ensure minimal disruption to student learning. Please stay updated on campus announcements regarding the strike, and know that our committees are here to support you. Should the strike extend beyond two days, we will revisit this guidance to address any additional instructional impacts.

Thank you for your attention to this matter and for working proactively to maintain instructional continuity.

Sincerely,



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