

February 23, 2012

To: Academic Senate  
From: Committee on Educational Policy

Dear Colleagues,

On March 1, 2012, organizations and communities across the state and country are planning to mobilize for a National Day of Action for Education (see <http://www.aaup.org/AAUP/about/events/Occupy/>). Actions planned locally include a strike and a "Tent University" with workshops and teach-ins at the base of campus (for more information see <http://march1strikeucsc.org/>).

Because the events of March 1 may restrict access to the campus or make it difficult for students to attend classes, instructors should be as flexible and accommodating as possible. When planning your response to the events of March 1, please remember that students use course syllabi to plan their academic, personal, and work schedules and that moving major deadlines or examination dates on short notice is likely to be disruptive to students.

CEP is continually impressed by the level of commitment to undergraduate education demonstrated, day in and day out, by our colleagues. We are confident that all instructors on campus will think creatively and flexibly about how to respond to the March 1 National Day of Action for Education in a manner consistent with the best interests of their students.

Sincerely,

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Eileen Zurbriggen, Chair  
Committee on Educational Policy