October 22, 2007
Dear Student Community:

I would like to take a moment to acknowledge that many of you and your families are being affected by the wildfires in Southern California. Many of your families are being displaced in the voluntary and mandatory evacuations; some of you have lost your homes and are now beginning to face the hard work of helping your family members rebuild their lives.

Tragedies such as these cause emotional distress and can disrupt your personal and academic life. I want you to know that we in the UCSB community want to support you with the resources available to us and alert you to other resources that might be helpful during this difficult time. Please don’t hesitate to contact any of the campus offices listed here.

For those members of our community not directly affected by the fires, we hope that you will be sensitive to the stresses that some of our students, staff, and faculty are experiencing.

Sincerely,
Michael D. Young
Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs

Dear Students, Staff, Faculty and Parents:

We are aware of the seriousness of the fires in San Diego. Other fires in additional locations may become more prominent in the next few days. Many of our students, faculty and staff are from the San Diego area or have family and friends there. We at Counseling would like to extend our services to those in need of someone to talk with. Counseling is available if you are worried about loved ones, or your family has experienced property loss or damage, or if your family has been evacuated. Please call us and we will arrange for an appointment. Please remember, that roads are blocked and officials are requesting that you do not try to get to San Diego. Your family and friends will feel better if they know that you are safe here at UCSB. For additional information please visit the UCSB homepage.

Be well and stay safe –
Jeanne Stanford, Ph.D.
Director, Counseling Services

Dear UCSB Community:

Some students may have their academic pursuits interrupted by the fires in Southern California. The academic advisors in the College of Letters and Science are available to discuss your concerns about your fall quarter classes. Please feel free to call 893-3201 or come to 1117 Cheadle Hall.

Students may also want to keep their instructors or departmental undergraduate advisors aware of their circumstances.

Sincerely,
Alan J. Wyner
Dean of Undergraduate Studies
College of Letters & Science

Financial Aid Office:

Emergency Short-Term Loans: The Financial Aid Office wants to remind students who experience a cash flow problem as a result of the fire disasters that emergency short-term loans are available. To meet extraordinary needs related to the fires, we have temporarily raised the short-term loan limit from $500 to $1,000 and opened the program to non-financial aid recipients.

Resources

Emotional Support and Medical Intervention:
Support groups and counseling for students who are distressed by recent events and want to talk with someone. Please call for further information:
Counseling Services ........................................... 893-4411
Community Counseling Center ........................... 962-3363
Educational Opportunity Program ...................... 893-4292
Office of Apartment Living .................................. 893-4501
Office of Residential Life .................................... 893-3281
Office of Student Life ........................................ 893-4521
Red Cross of Santa Barbara .................................. 893-1331
Student Health Service ...................................... 893-3380
Women’s Center .................................................. 893-3778

Administrative and Academic Support:

• Billing Accounts Receivable (BARC) .......................... 893-3736
• College of Creative Studies ................................ 893-2364
• College of Engineering ...................................... 893-4802
• College of Letters and Science ............................ 893-2038
• Financial Aid .................................................... 893-2432
• Graduate Division .............................................. 893-2277
• Office of Student Life ......................................... 893-4521
• Registrar’s Office ................................................ 893-3592

Spiritual Support:

• Hillel ............................................................... 968-1280
• Islamic Center ................................................... 968-9940
• Latter Day Saints Institute of Religion (Mormon) .... 968-4111
• St. Athanasius Orthodox Church ......................... 968-4014
• St. Mark’s Catholic Church .................................. 968-1078
• St. Michael’s Episcopal Church ............................ 968-2712
• United Methodist Church ................................... 968-2610
• University Religious Center ................................ 968-1555

Faculty and Staff Support:

• ASAP (Academic & Staff Assistance Program) .............. 893-3318

Relevant Websites:

• UC San Diego Emergency Status Website .................. http://www.ucsd.edu
• UC San Diego Counseling Services .......................... http://www.psychservices.ucsd.edu
• UC Santa Barbara Student Affairs ............................ http://www.sa.ucsb.edu
• California Highway Patrol Road Closure .................. http://www.dot.ca.gov/cgi-bin/roads.cgi
• California Department of Forestry .......................... www.fire.ca.gov/cdf/incidents
• FEMA Federal Emergency Management Agency ........... www.fema.gov/