

March 4, 2010

To: UCSC Community
Fr: Campus Provost David Kliger
Re: Update on Campus Protest

Earlier this morning, protest activity at both campus entrances rendered our main campus inaccessible to vehicle traffic. Reports of protesters carrying clubs and knives, smashing a car windshield with a metal pipe, denying a resident of faculty/student housing the right to exit the campus, and keeping a campus health care worker from getting to work, escalated this morning's protest into behavior that is disruptive, intimidating and destructive.

Behavior that degrades into violence, personal intimidation, and disrespect for the rights of others is reprehensible, and does nothing to aid efforts to restore funding to the university.

These actions should cease. University police, Student Affairs staff, and others are doing their best to manage this situation. In the meantime, we commend members of our community for their patience.

Please continue to check the campus website http://www.ucsc.edu/news_events/protest/03-10/ for updates.