

ELECTION 2020 FACULTY SUPPORT AND INFORMATION

Election 2020 Sensitive Issues Response Team

PURPOSE

The purpose of these slides is to provide UC San Diego faculty the tools and resources to navigate the upcoming national election. The following slides include information about:

- Free Expression
- Resources for Faculty
- Support for Students
- How to Report Incidents of Bias and Misconduct

FREE EXPRESSION – FREESPEECH.UCSD.EDU

freespeech.ucsd.edu is a resource for the entire university community. Free expression is a cornerstone not only of the U.S. Constitution, but also of academic freedom. UC San Diego supports student expression, rights and responsibilities to move toward positive, educational use of Free Speech. This website provides a breadth of information to assist all community members in engaging in and disagreeing with free expression as well as answering many questions related to free expression. Highlights of this website include:

- Educational information about free speech and expression
- Free speech and expression at UC San Diego
- Campus policies and protocols
- Support for community members
- Frequently Asked Questions
- UC San Diego Election Activities Calendar

RESOURCES FOR FACULTY

Given the high stakes nature and polarization surrounding this year's presidential election, it is helpful to consider how we can use our classrooms and instruction to model informed civic engagement and discussion that fosters learning vs. divisiveness. The Teaching + Learning Commons has compiled helpful resources for this election including:

- [Preparing to teach about the 2020 Election \(and After\)](#) - Information on planning and facilitating dialogue about the 2020 election
- [Disruptive Behavior in the Classroom](#) – A guide for instructors on addressing disruptive behavior in the classroom with a specific section on upholding free speech and encouraging respectful behavior
- [Creating a Culture of Care: Resources for Faculty](#) – A website of resources to help faculty support students in distress
- [Faculty and Staff Assistance Program](#) – Emotional support for faculty through one on one confidential counseling
- engagedteaching@ucsd.edu – To request an individual teaching consultation
- [Triton Concern Line](#) – To report non-emergency student concerns

SUPPORT FOR STUDENTS

With the 2020 Presidential Election having the potential to be a significant source of stress for students, faculty can assist students through referrals to the following resources providing supportive communities of care:

- [Counseling and Psychological Services \(CAPS\)](#) – CAPS provides individual counseling, drop in workshops, open forums, and post-election community space
- [Campus Community Centers](#) – Provides safe spaces for students to gather in community, share their experiences, and gain support from others
- [CARE AT SARC](#) – Provides a confidential, safe space for survivors of violence or abuse coping with election-related stress and trauma.
- [International Students & Programs Office](#) – Provides resources and support for the UC San Diego international student community
- [Office for the Prevention of Harassment & Discrimination](#) – Assists with the prevention and resolution of incidents of bias, harassment and discrimination

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- [Undergraduate Colleges](#) – Provides programs, support services, academic support and referrals to campus resources through the student's specific undergraduate college.
- [Graduate Division](#) – Provides programs, support services, academic support, and referrals to campus resources to graduate students.

REPORTING INCIDENTS OF BIAS OR MISCONDUCT

Unfortunately incidents of bias and behavior related misconduct may occur leading up to, during, and the days following the election. To report incidents, contact:

- [Office for the Prevention of Harassment & Discrimination](#) – To report incidents of bias, harassment and discrimination
- [Office of Student Conduct](#) – To report incidents of non-academic related misconduct
- [UC San Diego Police Department](#) – To report a crime or emergency

For assistance accessing additional information or resources
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