Basic Needs Resources (On Behalf of Rebecca Platkin and Michael Miller)

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TO: UCSB Community
FR: Rebecca Platkin and Michael Miller
RE: Basic Needs Resources

Dear UCSB Community:

We hope this email finds you well. The recent events surrounding the Cave Fire and subsequent rains have provided us the opportunity to remind the campus community about the growing list of basic needs and emergency resources to help students in need. Below you will find a summary of some important resources and we encourage you to help us spread the word when you encounter a student in need of assistance.

Financial Crisis Response Team: The team exists to assist undergraduate and graduate students who face financial emergencies that may jeopardize their path to graduation through emergency funding and resource connection. They can provide students with emergency housing vouchers, food security resources, and other forms of emergency assistance. In addition, the team is administering a new bridge housing program that can provide students with temporary housing relief to those who are eligible. The team can be reached at FinancialCrisis@sa.ucsb.edu and will follow up within 24-48 hours of contacting them.

AS Food Bank: The AS Food Bank provides fresh, free, and nutritious food as well as toiletries to the Gaucho community. The AS Food Bank is led by a group of diverse students who tackle food insecurity on campus, the food bank continually raises awareness on issues surrounding food. They are open Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday 9:30AM – 6:00PM, located on the second floor of the UCEN, across from Subway.

Basic Needs and CalFresh Advocates: Advocates are here to connect students to food and financial resources, and assist with their CalFresh application. CalFresh is a federal food nutrition assistance program. Those who are eligible can receive up to $194 per month for groceries! After students apply, they will receive a plastic electronic benefits card that is reloaded each month. The advocates host several drop in hour locations across campus, including the Food Security and Basic Needs Advising Center in the UCEN 9:30 AM- 4:00 PM Monday-Friday. They can also be reached at UCSBcalfresh@gmail.com.

Food.ucsb.edu: The online UCSB hub for all basic needs resources at UC Santa Barbara, including information about the resources noted above, as well as where to find prepared meals, Food Nutrition and Basic Skills workshops and resource guides.

Sincerely,

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