Campus Emergencies

I. INTRODUCTION

The policies and procedures for campus management in times of emergency are covered in the UCSD Emergency Operations Plan. The Emergency Operations Plan delegates the Chancellor's authority for the maintenance of safety and order to specific campus personnel, and describes tasks and responsibilities of these individuals during periods of emergency.

The Chancellor shall be responsible for adopting UCSD emergency regulations and procedures for the UC San Diego campus, consistent with University-wide policies and these regulations, and upon the declaration of a State of Emergency, shall place orders into effect appropriate to the emergency.

By adapting or inserting the actual language of the Policy on Campus Emergencies (Section 50.00) of the University of California Policies Applying to Campus Activities, Organizations, and Students, this Policy remains consistent with the system-wide Policy. The complete Policy can be found at the website for the University of California Office of the President (http://policy.ucop.edu/doc/2710525/PACAOS-50).

II. CAMPUS EMERGENCIES

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The Chancellor may, after consultation with the University President, and where possible with student and faculty representatives, declare a State of Emergency to exist on the campus when:

A. Extreme conditions exist on or within the vicinity of UCSD the UC San Diego campus, resulting from natural disasters, civil disorders which pose a threat of serious injury to persons or damage to property, or other such seriously disruptive events; and

A-B. Extraordinary measures are required to immediately avert, alleviate, or repair damage to University property, or to maintain the orderly operation of the campus.

The Chancellor shall adopt UCSD emergency regulations and procedures, consistent with University-wide policies and these regulations, and upon the declaration of a state of emergency, shall place into effect orders appropriate to the emergency.

III. EMERGENCY SUSPENSIONS

During a state of emergency, the Chancellor or their designee is empowered to impose Emergency Suspension on any student, faculty member, or employee where such suspension would be authorized under California Penal Code Sections 626.4 and 626.6, as interpreted by the Supreme Court of California in Braxton v. Municipal Court (1973) 10 Cal.3d 138.

A. An Emergency Suspension may be imposed by a designee of the Chancellor (e.g. Executive Vice Chancellor, Associate Chancellor, or Vice Chancellor – Student Affairs, etc.) on any student, faculty member, or employee where there is reasonable cause to believe:
1. Emergency Suspension: During a state of emergency, the Chancellor or their designated representatives is empowered to impose Emergency Suspension on any student where there is reasonable cause to believe:

1.1. The individual has participated in a disturbance of the peace or unlawful assembly, or has acted in violation of the UCSD campus emergency orders; or has committed an act of physical violence or has threatened to commit such an act, or has committed a theft or has damaged property; and/or

2.2. The individual's presence on campus will lead to violation of UCSD emergency orders, violence, intimidation, damage to property, or other disruptive activity incompatible with the orderly operation of UCSD.

B. The designee of the Chancellor will inform the Chancellor of the Emergency Suspension prior to its imposition with written report containing a description of the person suspended, including the person's name and, if available, address and phone number, and a summary of the information supporting the suspension.

C. Upon approval of the Chancellor, individuals placed on Emergency Suspension will receive a Notice of Emergency Suspension in writing describing the summary of the information supporting the suspension, the duration of the suspension, and the opportunity for a prompt review. Emergency Suspensions not approved by the Chancellor will not go into effect.

1. If Emergency Suspension is imposed by a designated representative of the Chancellor, such representative shall immediately inform the Chancellor and shall submit a written report on the action to the Chancellor as soon as is reasonably possible. The report shall contain a description of the person suspended, including the person's name and, if available, address and phone number, and a statement of the facts giving rise to the suspension. If the Chancellor does not affirm the action of the designated representative within 24 hours after being informed that the suspension has been imposed, the suspension shall be deemed void and a reasonable effort shall be made to inform the person who was suspended that the suspension is void.

2. Any individual placed on Emergency Suspension shall be given written confirmation of the suspension, either by delivering it to the individual personally or by mailing it to the individual's last known address. The confirmation shall inform the individual of the procedures by which the validity of the Emergency Suspension can be appealed, including the opportunity to obtain a special hearing on the Emergency Suspension in accordance with applicable UCSD procedures.

D. If Emergency Suspension is imposed by a designated representative of the Chancellor, and is not voided pursuant to the provisions of Section II-C above, the suspended party may choose to meet with a University Hearing Officer for an Emergency Suspension hearing have a special hearing by a hearing officer, selected from a panel of hearing officers appointed by the Chancellor for such purposes, within three days from the effective date of the Emergency Suspension, on the necessity of the Emergency Suspension in accordance with the procedures set forth in Section II. During the hearing, the appellantsuspended party may present information and witnesses evidence in support of the contention that the suspension is unnecessary to the Hearing Officer to support discontinuing the Emergency Suspension in accordance with Section III (E) below. The hearing officer will investigate the facts, which gave rise to the suspension. The suspended party may be also accompanied to the hearing by an Advisor.

E. After the Emergency Suspension hearing, the Hearing Officer will determine whether Within 3 business days of the conclusion of the hearing, the hearing officer the Emergency Suspension should continue through the period stated in the Notice of Emergency Suspension. If the hearing officer determines that the conducting and surrounding circumstances reasonably indicate that
the continued presence of the suspended party on campus is reasonably likely to lead to any of the prohibited conduct as referenced in Section II above, the Chancellor may continue the suspension through the State of Emergency. will report their findings and recommendations to the Chancellor or designee. If the Chancellor or designee determines that the suspension is unnecessary, they are authorized to revoke the suspension.

F. If an individual is found to have been unjustifiably placed on Emergency Suspension, UCSD and the University are committed to a policy whereby reasonable efforts are taken to assist an individual who has been disadvantaged in academic, employment, or other status.

The outcome of the appeal shall have no bearing on UCSD disciplinary proceedings arising from the conduct which gave rise to the emergency Suspension.

G. Any individual placed under Emergency Suspension shall not, during the period of suspension enter upon specified areas of UCSD University Grounds and Facilities or engage in specified activities, as set forth in the written Notice of Emergency Suspension. The exclusion or restriction shall be limited to the minimum extent necessary to protect the health and safety of persons or property, or to maintain the orderly operation of UCSD the University.

B.H. Violation of any condition set forth in the Notice of Emergency Suspension shall subject the individual to disciplinary proceedings based upon such violation.

III. APPEAL OF EMERGENCY PROCEDURES

If Emergency Suspension is imposed by a designated representative of the Chancellor, and is not voided pursuant to the provisions of Section II-C above, the suspended party may choose to have a special hearing by a hearing officer, selected from a panel of hearing officers appointed by the Chancellor for such purposes, on the necessity of the Emergency Suspension in accordance with the procedures set forth in Section II. The appellant may present evidence in support of the contention that the suspension is unnecessary. The hearing officer will investigate the facts, which gave rise to the suspension. Within 3 business days of the conclusion of the hearing, the hearing officer will report their findings and recommendations to the Chancellor or designee. If the Chancellor or designee determines that the suspension is unnecessary, they are authorized to revoke the suspension.

IV. RELATED POLICIES

A. The Chancellor may impose an Interim Suspension on a student without declaring a state of emergency as described in Section XVI of the UCSD Student Conduct Code.

B. A complete statement of the UCSD campus implementation of the System-wide policies pertaining to UCSD Emergencies may be found in the current CAMPUS EMERGENCY OPERATIONS PLAN. Copies of this plan may be seen at the UCSD Police Department, Office of Student Conduct, and the Office of Environment, Health and Safety.