Dear colleagues,

As the UAW strike continues into a second week, I wanted to send a note of gratitude for your efforts in managing instructional and research continuity (to the extent that circumstances allow) during this time. Faculty have coped with significant adversity over the past three years; it is important to acknowledge the tremendous work you have done to shift to remote instruction, back to (primarily) in-person instruction, and to make appropriate adjustments in light of the current work stoppage. Thank you for all that you’ve done and are continuing to do to serve our students.

We are committed to making sure that you are able to find support where it is needed. The Division of Teaching Excellence and Innovation team (dtei@uci.edu) is meeting 1:1 with faculty to discuss their courses and brainstorm adjustments they can make for the remainder of the quarter, and Academic Personnel is holding daily meetings with chairs to answer questions and share best practices. We are also regularly updating the Continuity website with bargaining updates, guidance, and FAQs, including this FAQ about the key issues in the UC-UAW negotiation. The Continuity Support Committee continues to meet daily and respond to questions within one business day.

The University of California is committed to negotiating a fair, and even nation-leading, contract recognizing the important work done by our academic student employees, postdoctoral scholars, academic researchers, and graduate student researchers. It is our sincere hope that we will be able to come to a fair and responsible resolution with the union as soon as possible. Thank you for your continued hard work and dedication to our students. I wish you a restful Thanksgiving holiday in the days ahead.

Chancellor Howard Gillman

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