On Monday, November 14th, UCI is anticipating work stoppage due to a strike called by the United Auto Workers (UAW) following the expiration of several labor contracts. We expect some Academic Student Employees (Teaching Assistants/Associates, Readers, and Tutors), Graduate Student Researchers, Postdoctoral Scholars, and Academic Researchers (Academic Specialists, Project Scientists, Professional Researchers) will participate in this labor action. While the University continues to negotiate in good faith, we remain committed to instructional and research continuity.

**What does this mean for students?**

Faculty and instructors will aim to preserve core course goals; however, students can potentially expect adjustments to their instructional schedule and/or mode of receiving course materials for lectures, discussion sections and labs. Faculty and instructors are currently preparing for the anticipated work stoppage and will be in direct communication with students on what adjustments to expect. Please note that instructors will be making decisions about adjustments as quickly as possible, but they will have limited information in order to be respectful of the bargaining process. Therefore, it is important to keep an eye out for emails and check CANVAS regularly for the latest updates.

**How long is the work stoppage expected to continue?**

We are unable to predict the duration of the work stoppage. The University of California will continue to negotiate with the UAW in good faith to reach an agreement. Instructors will continue to provide updates and additional guidance as needed.

Academic Student Employees, Graduate Student Researchers, Postdoctoral Scholars, and Academic Researchers are valuable members of the UCI community; we look forward to reaching an agreement. We appreciate your patience and flexibility as the university continues to advance our critical teaching and research missions during this challenging time.

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