

Academic Senate Statement on Violence and the Principles of our Community

Dear Colleagues,

The Berkeley Division of the Academic Senate condemns the violent acts against the Chancellor's home on Friday evening, where he and his wife were sleeping. This shocking assault defaces our tradition of reasoned argument, free expression and mutual respect. At a time when we need thoughtful dialogue and analysis to grapple with the deep problems facing our university and state, we are saddened and horrified that individuals would turn to violent confrontation instead.

In the strongest of terms, we call on our colleagues and students to join us in condemning this act of violence, as we strive to work out our differences in a time of great difficulty. We insist that all members of our campus community respect each other's rights to learn, teach, and work, while also recognizing the need for respectful dialogue in the midst of important disagreements. We therefore ask all members of the university to reaffirm with us the [Berkeley Principles of Community](#), established jointly by students, faculty, staff, and alumni:

These principles of community for the University of California, Berkeley, are rooted in our mission of teaching, research and public service. They reflect our passion for critical inquiry, debate, discovery and innovation, and our deep commitment to contributing to a better world. Every member of the UC Berkeley community has a role in sustaining a safe, caring and humane environment in which these values can thrive.

** We place honesty and integrity in our teaching, learning, research and administration at the highest level.*

** We recognize the intrinsic relationship between diversity and excellence in all our endeavors.*

** We affirm the dignity of all individuals and strive to uphold a just community in which discrimination and hate are not tolerated.*

** We are committed to ensuring freedom of expression and dialogue that elicits the full spectrum of views held by our varied communities.*

** We respect the differences as well as the commonalities that bring us together and call for civility and respect in our personal interactions.*

** We believe that active participation and leadership in addressing the most pressing issues facing our local and global communities are central to our educational mission.*

** We embrace open and equitable access to opportunities for learning and development as our obligation and goal.*

I would also like to inform you that Professor Max Auffhammer (Agricultural & Resource Economics) has put together a web-based statement also condemning the attack, for signature by any interested faculty member. The website is here:

<http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/6FK8JXZ>

On behalf of Divisional Council,

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