



Office of the President

A Message from
President Adela de la Torre, Ph.D.

Dear Students, Faculty and Staff,

I was devastated to learn that a student was hospitalized on Thursday, November 7, after allegedly attending a fraternity event on Wednesday, November 6. We are doing everything we can to support the family during this tragic time, and ask that we all respect the privacy of his loved ones.

Given the severity of this incident, I am sharing specific details about what happened and what support is available for students, faculty and staff.

The San Diego State University Police Department (UPD) opened an investigation yesterday (Friday) and has uncovered information which alleges that a fraternity was involved in possible misconduct. I am urging members of our campus community to please contact UPD as soon as possible if you have information about this case.

With this information, I made an executive decision to suspend the Interfraternity Council (IFC) and each of its organizations — 14 in total. The university will keep the organizations under suspension while it considers next steps. Each of us, including our students, must uphold the highest standards that do not put the health and safety of anyone at risk. As I know there may be confusion or concern among members of our community, I urge students, faculty and staff who may need assistance during this difficult time to reach out for support.

Students needing support may contact: Assistant Vice President for Campus Life & Dean of Students Randy Timm via deanofstudents@sdsu.edu or 619-594-5211; professionals at Counseling and Psychological Services via 619-594-5220 or psycserv@sdsu.edu. Faculty and staff who need support are able to access information, resources and tools by calling the Employee Assistance Program at 1-800-342-8111.

New and pertinent information will be shared as soon as we are able.

Adela de la Torre
San Diego State University President

