If you encounter an immigration official on campus

The passage of state Assembly Bill 21 in 2017 put several policies and procedures in place regarding immigration enforcement on public campuses. Here are some important contact information and instructions on what to do in various scenarios if you encounter an immigration official on campus.

Below, we’ve outlined various scenarios, and what to do in each instance.

1. If you are advised that an immigration officer is expected to enter, will enter, or has entered the campus to execute an immigration order, notify Pablo Reguerín, Associate Vice Chancellor for Student Achievement, Equity, and Innovation, as soon as possible. Contact him at 831-459-2296 (after-hours at 831-428-2839) or via email at pgr@ucsc.edu.

2. Any student, faculty, or staff who has contact with an immigration officer executing a federal immigration order should refer that individual to our Campus Counsel’s Office for purposes of verifying the legality of any warrant, court order, or subpoena. Contact the office at 831-459-1848.

3. If you are or believe you may be subject to an immigration order or inquiry on campus, Pablo Reguerin is again your best contact. Federal and state education privacy laws protect your records, as he is prohibited from disclosing your education information including immigration status to anyone, except as otherwise required by law. Contact him at 831-459-2296 (after-hours at 831-428-2839) or via email at pgr@ucsc.edu.

4. For more information about your legal rights in an immigration enforcement situation, consult the UC Immigrant Legal Services Center or visit the “Know Your Rights” page on our Educational Opportunities Program website.

For a fuller explanation of UC’s policies and procedures relating to undocumented members of our community, as well as for up-to-date immigration information, here are some good links:

- www.universityofcalifornia.edu/immigration
- UC’s Statement in Support of Undocumented Members of the UC Community
- Frequently Asked Questions for University Employees about Possible Federal Immigration Enforcement Actions on University Property.

It is important to note that federal immigration agencies can and on rare occasion do enter campuses for non-enforcement activities, which can include recruitment and normal visa processing. The procedures detailed above relate only to enforcement activities. We have no indication that Immigration and Customs Enforcement is planning to come to campus.