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**To:** Faculty <faculty@groups.csusb.edu>

**Subject:** San Bernardino Mountain Communities - Update from ASI

Dear Faculty,

As noted in my Feb. 28 email, several students in the San Bernardino mountain communities have been severely impacted by the recent snowstorms. Weather-related issues continue to impact many of these students as shared in the attached letter from ASI President Paola Galvez.

Please continue to keep this interruption in mind and plan for needed accommodations to ensure a successful semester.

Sincerely,

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Greetings, Esteemed Faculty Members,

As the student representative, I want to thank you for your diverse lecture strategies. We have all developed new skills in either teaching or learning over these past few years. Your contributions and adaptability are paving a new way for student learning and success. We, the students, understand a joint relationship with faculty is needed for continuous development in higher education.

In collaboration with multiple student advocacy groups, I request your support for our current students who have been adversely affected by the recent inclement weather in the mountain cities. Students are in need of your flexibility to not only continue with schoolwork but also to stay positive while living in disastrous weather conditions.

I have recently received messages from students describing the hardships that they are currently experiencing. Students in the mountain areas are facing several challenges due to extreme and uncontrollable weather conditions. We understand that attendance and timely submissions of assignments are essential aspects of academic performance. However, students have expressed road closures, power outages, transportation disruptions, and other unforeseen circumstances, making it challenging to keep up with their academic commitments. Students have shared that their current living conditions make everyday functionality difficult and daily necessities, such as food, housing, etc., almost inaccessible. Although the challenges are formidable, our mountain resident students are doing their best to stay positive during this time of need.

As the student's voice, we ask for your understanding of these conditions and are compassionate to our students' challenges. We urge you to provide flexibility and grace to these students, allowing some leniency within reasonable limits. We hope that appropriate accommodations can be made for these students. Please try to consider that the challenges that impact our campus also directly affect a student's engagement in your course.

We are confident that with your assistance, students can overcome the difficulties caused by the recent inclement weather and ensure that student's academic progress is not hindered. We, as student body representatives, appreciate your consideration. The campus community looks forward to your understanding and support during these times.

Thank you for taking the time to read this correspondence and for continuing to serve our community during this incredibly challenging time.

With Coyote Pride,

Paola Galvez  
President  
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