

## Resolution Regarding Faculty Attack

WHEREAS, On February 24<sup>th</sup>, 2008, a University of California at Santa Cruz faculty researcher and his family were home when six masked intruders attempted to force their way into the family's residence;

WHEREAS, There was a confrontation which involved a physical attack on a family member of the faculty researcher;

WHEREAS, Chancellor Blumenthal aptly pointed out "Disagreement, debate, and dissent on a range of subjects are all hallmarks of a healthy university community. However, an attempted home invasion by masked perpetrators is not free speech – it is a criminal act that threatens, intimidates and stifles academic freedom";

WHEREAS, The University of California's fundamental mission is to discover knowledge and to disseminate it to its students and to society at large;

WHEREAS, The principles of academic freedom, as described by university policy in APM-010, protect freedom of inquiry and research, freedom of teaching, and freedom of expression and publication;

WHEREAS, Members of the faculty are entitled as University employees to the full protection of the Constitution of the United States and of the Constitution of the State of California;

WHEREAS, These protections are in addition to the rights, privileges, and responsibilities which are attached to the academic freedom of the university faculty;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Crown Student Senate condemns harassment of UCSC faculty and their family, attacks on UCSC faculty and their family, and damage to UCSC faculty property;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Crown Student Senate supports the University of California at Santa Cruz's commitment to academic freedom and scholarly endeavors by all members of the faculty, students, and community at large;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Crown Student Senate supports all forms of legal protest, such as a respectful debate or discussion, in which students, faculty, or members of the community may choose to participate.

Adopted May 12, 2008