Students of Concern Committee (SOCC)

STUDENT OF CONCERN RESPONSE

When a student exhibits behaviors of high concern and could potentially be a risk to self and others, SOCC coordinates a proactive effort to prevent and/or manage the situation. SOCC is NOT for emergencies; if there is an emergency, call UCPD at 510-642-3333.

Referable Concerning Behaviors

• Unusual or erratic behavior in class, in the residence halls, during advising sessions, etc.
• Extended absence from class or activities by a typically engaged student
• Written work or creative expression with troubling themes or references
• Verbal or written threats made by a student toward another students, faculty, and/or staff
• Written or verbal expressions of suicidal ideation or intent
• Other actions that cause an alarm or call into question the safety of the student or his/her peers

PROCESS

A faculty or staff member (hereafter Point of Contact) believes that a critical incident or circumstance has reached a high level of concern.

Point of Contact submits Care report through the following portal: https://berkeley-advocate.symplicity.com/care_report

Once a report is accepted and assessed, a member of the SOCC team may call the Point of Contact to gather more information if needed.

The SOCC chair will evaluate the situation and consult with team members to determine what further steps are required.

A member of SOCC might be in communication with the Point of Contact to share the coordinated plan of action as needed.

For consultation only, call 510-664-4218
**PURPOSE**

The purpose of this team is to provide a means for early intervention of at-risk students through collaboration with campus departments, faculty, and staff.

Students exhibiting behaviors that are of concern in relation to their personal, physical, and emotional well-being should be referred to this team of professionals.

The Students of Concern Committee is not meant to be the sole mechanism of communication and will not take the place of services provided by Counseling & Psychological Services, Center for Student Conduct, University Police or other established student services.

**STRUCTURE**

**SOCC Responsibility to the Campus**

- To provide a centralized structure for campus departments and offices that need help with a student who is displaying concerning, disruptive and/or distressed behavior.
- To develop a strategic plan of action to ensure the safety of the student and the campus at large.
- The committee would ensure that information is shared among strategic partners concerned about student welfare.

**SOCC Team Members**

- Center for Student Conduct
- Counseling & Psychological Services
- UC Police Department
- Disabled Students Program
- Office of the Dean of Students
- Residential & Housing Services
- Financial Aid
- College of Letters & Science
- Graduate Division

**SOCC also consults with:**

- Academic Advisors
- Athletics
- Fraternity & Sorority Life
- Gender Equity
- Campus Ministry Representatives
- Student Life Advising Services/Equal Opportunity Program
- Berkeley International Office