Dear UCSB EAP Students,

BARC Payments

You will need to pay certain fees through your UCSB BARC account. You can log in with the same UCSBNetID and password that you use for GOLD. Check your BARC account often throughout your stay at UCSB.

Acceptable forms of payment (debit cards are not accepted) and information on extended payment plans are found on the BARC website.

Fees that will be charged to your BARC account may include:

- Gaucho Health Insurance (GHI) Fee: $1,108 per quarter (unless you have waived out of GHI). Winter GHI must be paid by January 12*.  
- CALI training fee (orientation): $50. This fee will be billed to your account a couple weeks after CALI training.  
- College of Letters & Science Instructional Technology Fee: $2.50 per unit fee is capped at 15 units (for a maximum of $37.50 per quarter) is assessed only to courses in the College of Letters and Science. The fee will be billed to your BARC account in the fourth week of the quarter.  
- UCSB housing fees (if applicable)  
- Student health fees (if applicable)  
- Late fees (if applicable)

These fees are also outlined in your UCEAP Pre-arrival instructions.

*You may receive statements from the UCSB Billing Office (BARC) stating that your BARC fees are due December 15, 2017. As an UCEAP student, you are automatically granted an extension to pay these bills, so you will not incur a late payment fee for your health insurance fee as long as you pay by January 12, 2018.

Although UCEAP students are granted an extension until January 12, you may be denied free access to the Recreation Center and/or a bus sticker (which allows you to ride the bus for free) until all fees are paid. It’s recommended that you pay your BARC fees as soon as possible.

If you receive a “late registration fee” in your BARC account, please send an email to RegRegistration@sa.ucsb.edu to explain that you are an EAP reciprocal exchange student, and request to have the fee reversed.

Banking

If you would like to open and American bank account, you can open one after you arrive by taking your passport and visa to a bank branch location. You do not need a Social Security Number (SSN) or Individual Tax Identification Number (ITIN) to open a bank account.

We recommend one of the banks that has ATMs and branches nearby. On the UCSB campus there are ATMs for Wells Fargo, Bank of America, and Union Bank. Wells Fargo and Chase have branches in Isla Vista, others have branches in Goleta.
Talk to a representative at the bank about your banking needs and they will assist you in selecting the best bank account option for you. Always read the documents you are signing and ask for clarification for anything that you don’t understand. If needed, ask the bank representative if they have information printed in your language.

As always, please let me know if you have any questions.

Best,

Genesis & Adrienne W.