January 10, 2017

To:     Campus Community

Fr:     Matthew Hall, Chief Information Officer

Re:     Cyber Security Awareness Training Year Two

Dear Colleagues:

All members of the University of California community face cyber security threats.  Over the past two years, our campus experienced hundreds of cyber-attacks, including several cases of ransomware and phishing attacks that target our email accounts in an attempt to extract valuable information.  These attacks continue to increase in frequency and sophistication, and they pose a threat to the research, student, and administrative data and systems at UCSB.

In January, the UC will release the second edition of its Cyber Security Awareness training to help address the threat posed by these cyber-attacks. The UC requires that all employees complete the training.  We hope to see 100% completion at all campuses, medical centers, and laboratories. Exceptions exist only for student employees who do not have access to a computer during the course of daily work, such as student employees in dining facilities, in the recreation department, and community service officers in the police department.

This year, the Office of the President introduced an abridged refresher course for UC community members who completed the full 2016 training.  The abridged version requires about 35 minutes to complete.  For those who have not completed the full course, the updated 2017 program should take about 55 minutes.

In either case, we request that you complete the training within six weeks of its release.  Each employee will receive an email notification from the UC Learning Center on the evening of January 16, 2017 with instructions on how to complete the training.  As the due date approaches, the UC Learning Center will send reminder emails to those who have not completed the training.

The course helps strengthen and maintain the confidentiality, integrity, and availability of our UCSB systems, so I encourage you to complete the course as soon as your schedule permits.   If you have questions, please contact Sam Horowitz, Chief Information Security Officer, at (805) 893-5005 or samh@ucsb.edu.


Sincerely,
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