To: Campus community  
From: Eric Reichel, Interim Chief of University Police  
Re: “No Riding” Policy in Campus Core

Your health and safety is the number one consideration of the University Police Department. While bike or skateboard riding in the central part of campus may seem like a minor safety issue, it is not. On a campus as compact as ours, with the largest student enrollment we have ever had, collisions between riders and pedestrians occur, and they can be dangerous. In this age, when many of us use our cell phones, Ipods or other personal technology devices while we walk, it can be easy to miss seeing someone riding toward us. As a pedestrian area, the campus core should be a place where all of us can walk without having to be concerned about vehicles and riders. At the same time, the University totally supports – and encourages – those who ride their bikes to campus. We ask that they walk their bikes once they reach the campus core.

I realize some of you may have been confused about what constitutes the campus core, and in fact some of our maps online were not accurate. Those maps have now been changed, and I apologize for any difficulties that caused. The map that shows the campus core, where riding is restricted, is on our University Police Web site at http://www.csuchico.edu/up/forms/Bike_Parking_Map.pdf. Note that you can ride bikes off Second Street between the PAC and Yuba Hall, and the area between PAC and the BMU; you can also ride on First Street between Normal and Salem, but the rest of First Street is for pedestrians or people walking their bikes.

We now have new signs posted around campus that say “Campus Core / Walk Bikes / Carry Boards / Safety First.” This policy is in effect 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Basic information on bike use and regulation is on our University Police Web site at http://www.csuchico.edu/up/information/bike_rules.html. There is additional information about campus transportation as well as parking at http://www.csuchico.edu/taps/bike.php./

I have recently joined the City of Chico Bicycle Advisory Committee, and want to do everything possible to keep Chico and Chico State bike-friendly places. I have recently received some suggestions about areas near the campus core where we might add bike lanes – we will be looking at those ideas very carefully, and want to encourage you to let me know your suggestions and concerns. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.