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Dear Campus Community,

Cal Maritime prioritizes the safety of the entire campus community, including our visitors. With an increasing number of micro-mobility devices on campus, including scooters, E-bikes, and skateboards, maintaining a safe campus environment is critical. We have had recent injuries and too many complaints from members of the campus community, campus visitors, and our neighbors concerning our students utilizing such equipment inappropriately and in an unsafe manner. Such behavior needs to cease or the use of these devices will again be prohibited on campus due to safety concerns.

Individuals using a micro-mobility device must adhere to the following guidelines:

- Travel at a safe speed for your device / equipment and as road & pedestrian conditions allow;
- Yield to all pedestrians, even if it means you have to bring your device / equipment to a full stop;
- Obey all traffic laws (i.e., stop signs, right of way, and avoid lane sharing with motor vehicles);
- Lights are required to be used from dusk to dawn;
- Wear a helmet and other protective gear;
- Do not ride on sidewalks, the quad, or other walkways when pedestrians are present;
- Do not ride in the middle of the roadway when other motor vehicles are in the vicinity;
- Do not carry a passenger unless the vehicle/equipment is specifically designed by the manufacturer to carry two people;
- Skateboards and electric scooters may transport only one person;
- Watch out for cars and trucks making sudden lane changes or turns;
- Stop and wait for pedestrians to clear crosswalks and walkways; do not try to drive around them;
- Be certain the lane is clear before changing lanes;
- Maintain a reasonable distance between you and the vehicles around you; and
- Ride responsibly and use common sense.

The University Police Department actively enforces all traffic laws under the California Vehicle Code, Title 5 of the California Code of Regulations, local ordinances, and university regulations. Traffic violations will result in a traffic summons and court fines if found guilty. Violators will be prohibited from utilizing such devices on campus.

Should safety issues and reckless operations of these devices continue, the future use of micro-mobility on campus will be restricted as a safety measure. If you have any questions or concerns, please consult with a university police officer. Thank you for doing your part in making Cal Maritime a safe and easily accessible campus for all.

Respectfully,
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