



## UCSA Solidarity with the Asian Pacific Islander Communities at UCLA & USC

- WHEREAS,** On February 5th, 2014 UCLA & USC Asian American Studies Departments received a letter containing racial slurs and racial epithets targeting students of color on campus; and,
- WHEREAS,** In 2011, Alexandra Wallace's viral video, "Asians in the Library," illustrates the toxicity present at the UCLA campus; and,
- WHEREAS,** the vandalization of the Asian Women R Bulletin continues to illustrate the hostile campus climate at UCLA; and,
- WHEREAS,** these racial incidents create an unsafe university that reinforces stereotypes and microaggressions to Asian Pacific Islander Students; and,
- WHEREAS,** the Asian Pacific Coalition at UCLA requested support from UC Berkeley's Asian Pacific Islander student organizations and other groups; and,
- WHEREAS,** the Asian Pacific Coalition at UCLA has released a statement responding not only to the incident that occurred on February 5, 2014 but also, to the multiple acts of racial prejudice and discrimination targeting the Asian Pacific Islander communities on the UCLA campus; and,
- WHEREAS,** the USC Asian Pacific American Student Assembly requested support from UC Berkeley's Asian Pacific Islander student organizations and other groups; and,
- WHEREAS,** the USC Asian Pacific American Student Assembly has released a statement on Tuesday, February 11, 2014, calling upon USC administration and staff to bring attention to these matters of racial prejudice and discrimination involving all students of color - not just APAs; and,

**WHEREAS,** hate speech is defined as "a criminal act or attempted criminal act against an individual or group of individuals because of their actual or perceived race, color, religion, ancestry, national origin, sexual orientation, gender, or disability" by the LA County District Attorney's Office

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED,** that UCSA stands in solidarity with the Asian Pacific Islander community at UCLA and all UC campuses and all college campuses in promoting a safe learning environment; and,

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED,** that UCSA stands in solidarity with womyn, and other

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**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that UCSA endorses the statement released by the Asian Pacific Coalition at UCLA and the USC Asian Pacific American Student Assembly; and<sup>1</sup>,

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that UCSA affirms the work of APASD, including its efforts to create a network of supportive services for Asian Pacific Islander communities and further work for API womyn; and,

**THEREFORE BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED**, that UCSA support the photo campaign launched by the Asian Pacific American Student Development (APASD) Office and the Asian Pacific Coalition at UCLA.

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<sup>1</sup> <http://apcla.org/wordpress/2014/02/06/official-response-to-the-flyer-mailed-to-the-asian-american-studies-center/>

