

University of California Student Association 1020 12th St., Suite #232 Sacramento, CA 95814 510-834-8272 | www.ucsa.org

Resolution in Support of UC San Diego's Condemnation of On-Campus Islamophobia and Ethnicity-Based Discrimination and Affirming Inclusivity

Author: Ziad Elbanany (ASUCSD International Senator)

February 2024

WHEREAS, the Associated Students of UC San Diego (ASUCSD) passed a <u>resolution</u> unanimously on Wednesday, January 10, condemning on-campus Islamophobia and ethnicity-based discrimination and affirming inclusivity; and

WHEREAS, this resolution was sponsored by Senator Elbanany and co-sponsored by Senator Lopez, Senator Hayden, Senator Lujan, Senator Valdez, Senator Limon, Senator Lopez Morales, Senator Perez, and Senator Blackwell, as well as Vice President of Academic Affairs Hwang; and

WHEREAS, ASUCSD, in collaboration with student organizations such as MSA, SJP, MEChA, and APSA, has demonstrated a commitment to promoting the welfare and advocating for the rights of all undergraduate students, irrespective of their background, race, ethnicity, religion, gender, or age; and

WHEREAS, recent global crises have triggered a surge in incidents of malicious acts, harassment, discrimination, and intolerance on UC campuses, specifically targeting individuals based on their religious beliefs and ethnicities, including those within the Muslim and Arab communities; and

WHEREAS, ASUCSD has highlighted instances of derogatory remarks, prejudiced stereotyping, and discriminatory behavior targeting Muslim students, contributing to an environment of discomfort and exclusion; and

WHEREAS, the accounts shared by Muslim and Arab students at UC San Diego reflect a distressing reality wherein members of these communities are subjected to a climate of hostility, exclusion, and discrimination, contrary to the fundamental values of inclusion and respect; and



University of California Student Association 1020 12th St., Suite #232 Sacramento, CA 95814 510-834-8272 | www.ucsa.org

WHEREAS, ASUCSD has urged the University of California administration to establish mechanisms offering immediate support for instances of discrimination or harassment based on religious beliefs or cultural backgrounds, provide ongoing cultural competency training, ensure transparent investigations into reported incidents, and actively enforce the UC San Diego Principles of Community; and

WHEREAS, ASUCSD has called for the university to take proactive measures to address harmful rhetoric and misleading claims, promote critical thinking and media literacy among students, and correct false claims associating religious scriptures with terrorism; and

WHEREAS, UCSA acknowledges and supports ASUCSD's resolution, recognizing the collective obligation to combat all forms of discrimination and fostering an inclusive and equitable campus environment for all; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the University of California Student Association (UCSA) expresses its full support for the resolution passed unanimously by ASUCSD condemning on-campus Islamophobia and ethnicity-based discrimination and affirming inclusivity; and

RESOLVED, That UCSA stands in solidarity with ASUCSD in advocating for the implementation of the proposed measures to address and rectify instances of discrimination and Islamophobia on UC campuses; and

RESOLVED, That UCSA urges immediate attention from the University of California administration, specifically the Vice Chancellor of Student Affairs at UCSD, to ensure the swift implementation of effective measures that safeguard the security, well-being, and psychological and physical safety of all students on UC campuses; and

RESOLVED, That UCSA similarly calls on the University of California to establish robust mechanisms offering immediate support and redressal for any instances of discrimination or harassment based on religious beliefs or cultural backgrounds; provide ongoing cultural competency training for university staff, faculty, and students; ensure transparent and thorough investigations into reported incidents; hold individuals accountable for discriminatory actions according to university policies, implementing appropriate disciplinary measures; take proactive measures to address harmful rhetoric and misleading claims; and promote critical thinking and media literacy among students.



University of California Student Association 1020 12th St., Suite #232 Sacramento, CA 95814 510-834-8272 | www.ucsa.org

RESOLVED, That UCSA expresses ongoing support for the affected Muslim and Arab students and communities at UC San Diego and across the University of California system; and

RESOLVED, That UCSA encourages continued dialogue and collaboration between ASUCSD, the University of California administration, and student organizations to monitor the progress of the implemented measures, address any arising concerns, and ensure the sustained commitment to fostering an inclusive and equitable campus environment for all students across the University of California system.