

Senate Reaffirmation of Campus Values

Members of the Academic Senate of California State University, Los Angeles recognize that the culmination of the presidential election cycle was filled with anxiety and uncertainty. The outcome of the election has failed to allay this fear and tension and has left many members of our Cal State LA community concerned about their dignity, personal safety, and communities.

The Academic Senate values and promotes tolerance and constructive dialog while ensuring that both freedom of expression and academic freedom are upheld. As such, the Academic Senate reaffirms the values stated in our Strategic Plan on diversity, inclusion, culture, and mutual respect. At Cal State LA we continue to “cultivate diversity, expect cultural competence, and actively seek perspectives and engagement from all constituents in our community, to develop just and equitable expectations.” We also remain “committed to cultivating a supportive and accepting environment where each of us commits to fostering a culture of respect for all.” President William Covino reiterates this sentiment in his message to the campus community, in which he states that “Cal State LA is committed to the fair and equitable treatment of all members of our community, and to a welcoming and inclusive campus.”

We share the sentiment of Chancellor Tim White and President David Lopez of the California State Student Association that “It is our duty- as a community- to listen to each other and support each other through this time.” We remain committed to promoting and protecting these values and urge our faculty, staff and students to do so as well.

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