

Climate at UCSD: Reading Response #5



I am very grateful for the opportunity to be able to study at UC San Diego. With that being said, the campus climate that is exposed in Angela Kong's dissertation, *Re-examining Diversity Policy*, is one that I have trouble agreeing on based of my own experiences, albeit very limited experiences. Kong's analysis focuses on the idea that "Asian Americans continue to battle with the university administration to recognize their struggles..." (Kong 109). She portrays

the campus climate as almost unwelcoming and unequal to Asian Americans. In my opinion, I have yet to see any obscene acts of discrimination or racism throughout my first quarter. As South-Asian descent, I have not been treated differently by my race socially or through the university itself. In retrospect to events, such as the Compton Cookout, I feel like we have progressed to a point where equality among Asian Americans or any ethnicity is essential to the making of our campus climate. UC San Diego tries its best to spread cultural diversity by the multitude of events or hundreds of available classes that teach about Asian history.

Kong did not have much influence on my outlook of UC San Diego's campus climate. It is hard to agree with her stance because it has not matched up to my own experiences. The campus climate that I have become accustomed to is open and friendly. It allows people to pursue their passions and reimburse or diversify their cultural background by the university's various of clubs and organizations. I live in an apartment with 5 roommates all of different ethnical and economical background, but yet they have become some of my closest friends here at university. One quarter is not enough to come to a conclusion, but UCSD does not fail in the aspect of making me feel welcomed and appreciated. It so far has been a place where culture is thrive.

Works Cited

Kong, Angela. "Introduction." Re-Examining Diversity Policy at UCSD. 2014.