

## Reading Response 5



After reading Kong's dissertation about diversity policies at UCSD, my perception about the university has slightly altered. As a result of the text, I recognize that the college has some mistakes in using Asian Americans as a "model minority" thereby depriving the group from affirmative action and other assistance given to other groups who are perceived as lesser than that of Asian Americans. However, I still see UCSD as a fair and just institution that offers opportunities for success if an individual strives to place their best efforts. Even though the university may have been partial to other groups, it offers equal chances for those that seek to achieve.

The Geisel Library can represent my experiences of the university. I can always be found in the library working on homework for four or five hours continuously to obtain an education. I might fit into the “model minority” by being Asian American and spending most of the time at the library, therefore indicating that I do not need help. However, I also need assistance on assignments occasionally and I go to discussion and office hours when needed. These discussion and office hours are open to all students who need help, which emphasizes my point that UCSD is impartial and is willing to help those that want to accomplish their dreams.

UCSD, in my interpretation, is a place to improve my life. Rather than focus on how the university has limited its assistance on a group, I concentrate on the opportunities it has given me to become successful. If the college improved its diversity policy for Asian Americans, I would congratulate the university for acknowledging their mistakes. However, I would not mind if it did not fix their policies because my objective to succeed is much more crucial. I am only concerned with working diligently so that I can achieve my goals.

#### Work Cited

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