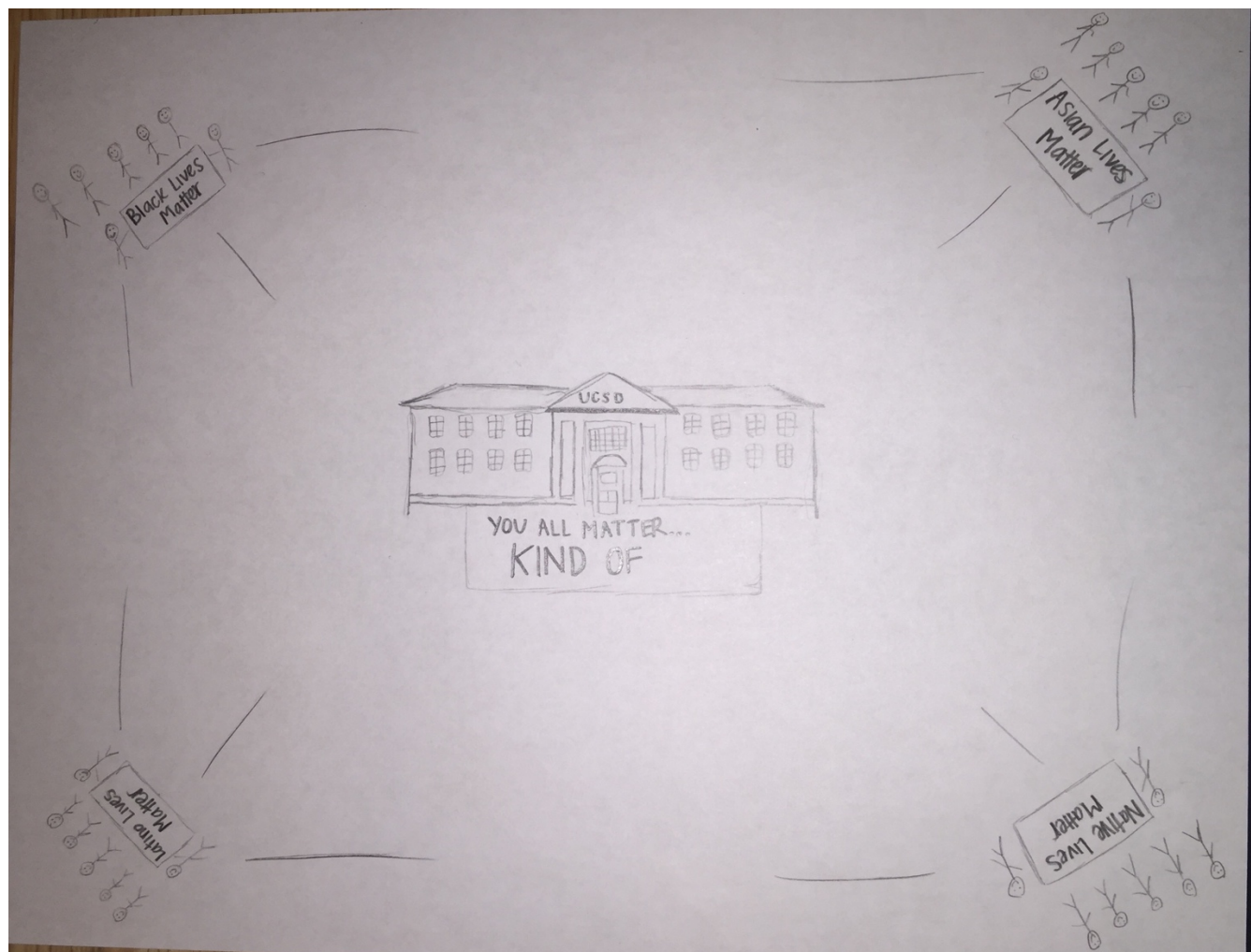


Campus Climate at UCSD



Kong's reading talked about how Asian Americans at UCSD are upset because although they make up the majority of the population here, they are still a minority group. There is the stigma that Asians are all smart and are born smart, so they do not need the help of others to be successful. But this is not the case. Asians are a minority group, which means they have their own struggles and obstacles. Asians on campus have expressed frustration because it seems that the administration only pays attention to the "traditional" minority groups, which includes black, Chicano/Latino, and Native-American students.

This reading made me realize how campus administration does not care for its students. They are primarily focused on the money and keeping the University's name alive. The administration will only change its policies when enough people are seeking change that it starts to give the school a bad reputation. Rather than making the school look bad, the administration will change its policies to make themselves look good because they will claim they are answering to everyone's needs.

As a result, this causes frustration among the University's students. The administration does nothing to satisfy the needs of all its students. It reveals the university's lack of knowing its students and what they need to be successful. This frustration is caused because the university is a place where students choose to come, so they should be welcomed and have all the tools they need to be successful while here.

Because I am Mexican-American, I seemed to be welcomed to the University with open arms. I was constantly being sent emails and mail talking about the Raza Resource Center and all the benefits it provides Latino students. After reading Kong's fourth chapter, all the emails and mail just feel like an opportunity for the University to make itself look better and lure me in.

Ultimately, I do not think there is much diversity on this campus at all. It seems that people only hang out with others who are the same race and there isn't any intermixing or support amongst different races. The different races only care for their own race, which leads to disunity throughout the campus. I think all the cultural resources on campus are a result of people fighting for them, not because the administration wanted them. The University takes pride in them, but only because it makes them seem superior to other campuses. Overall, I think it is all just a show put on to make more money and boost the school's reputation.