

Marks

I come from a place where hate is a disgrace

To speak without face is a cowardly display

Chalked up traces with a message of dismay

Talked up faceless not a single soul to trace

Free speech used in a way without grace

To each of the victims, no sense of debate

A truly sad day

No peace

Fade

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Reading Response 5

Angela Kong's *Re-Examining Diversity Policy at UCSD* focuses heavily on the discrimination faced by both Asian American and African American people, and highlights the inability of the two bodies to work together to promote equality. However, it fails to highlight a group which I believe heavily affects the fluidity and cohesion of the UC San Diego student body as a whole.

Anonymity gives people great power. It only took one person to place that noose or that Klansman's hood, and it created a stir which was arguably more powerful than the response it received from the masses. There is a very small group within the student body at UC San Diego who genuinely believe in their actions and justifications for them. To believe that it is possible to rid this group entirely is a fool's dream, however, UC San Diego's lack of administrative action is simply unacceptable.

Previously I had thought that UC San Diego, like any other elite academic institution, would have zero tolerance for racially fueled hate crime and insensitivity to any particular race or minority group. However, after learning through Kong's essay that "94.6%" (Kong, 92) of UC San Diego's surveyed Asian American body believes that the school "does not address concerns and issues relating to Asian American students" (Kong, 92), as well as the lack of administrative action both in response to the propositions of the BSU (Black Student Union), where it took "hundreds of students" (Kong, 90) to "[come] out and demonstrate" (Kong, 90) before the university agreed, and also the hate fueled acts of racism and some may argue terrorism that the student body was subjected to.

I view UC San Diego's overall campus climate as both safe and pleasant, and I myself have not personally experienced any discrimination. However, I find the lack of proactivity in the administration concerning and wish to see an increase in UC San Diego's catering to students of Asian descent.

Works Cited

Kong, Angela. "Ch 4." *Re-Examining Diversity Policy at UCSD*. 2014.