

ASLMU Senate

Resolution SR 21-01

In Response to Racially Motivated Attack on Black Students on Campus

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I. WHEREAS, on the early morning of September 11th, 2021, several Black students at Loyola Marymount University were walking back to their residence halls when they were verbally assaulted by men in a moving vehicle on campus. The perpetrators proceeded to make monkey noises, called the Black students the N-word, and drove away laughing.ⁱ

II. WHEREAS, racially motivated attacks such as these threaten the safety of Black community members and wrongfully prompts racist incidents and hate crimes on campus.

III. WHEREAS, #BlackatLMU, created by Black student leaders, developed twelve demands for the university to ensure the creation of an inclusive and accepting community for Black students. Their mission statement is to “ensure community growth, inclusion, and advancement for Black students on campus and our alumnae.”

IV. WHEREAS, Loyola Marymount University created the Anti-Racism Project which states that it “is rooted in our Catholic, Jesuit, and Marymount identity and university mission, where we regard and treat each other with respect, recognizing the inherent dignity and immutable humanity of all peoples, made in the image of God.”ⁱⁱ

V. WHEREAS, Jesuit tradition values the promotion of justice and life and dignity of every human person. Students and the institution are called to embody what is possible, when those on the margins are brought to the center, those who are invisible are seen, and those who will lead in the future are formed to care and to serve.

VI. WHEREAS, the Lion Code states that “I will own the actions of my mind, hand, and heart, and build the community that sustains us. The respect and support that nurtures me is born of my respect for others. The dignity of the other, the stranger, grants me dignity.” The attack that transpired on September 11th, 2021, violates the code that every member of the Loyola Marymount University community must uphold.

VII. WHEREAS, Loyola Marymount University’s President Timothy Law Snyder released a statement on September 11, 2021, sharing his outrage and committing “to hold the appropriate individuals accountable.”ⁱⁱⁱ

VIII. WHEREAS, The Loyola Marymount University Bias Report Team (BIRT) released a statement on September 11th, 2021, stating the consequences of hate crimes or bias-motivated

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incidents, that are not tolerated on campus, “will respond to them with appropriate sanctions that may include: for students, expulsion, suspension, or exclusion from the campus...”

IX. THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Associated Students of Loyola Marymount University condemn the actions of the September 11th, 2021, attack. Additionally, we demand the University hold the men in the vehicle accountable for their racially prejudice actions.

X. THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Associated Students of Loyola Marymount University strongly encourages the interim suspension of any responsible students while the investigation is underway and if found guilty, the immediate expulsion of the students.

XI. THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Associated Students of Loyola Marymount University encourages more communication from the university to Black student leaders and students now and in the future. Additionally, ASLMU encourages that the investigation taking place is a top priority for the university.

XII. THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Associated Students of Loyola Marymount University supports the Office of Black Student Services and its respective student organizations. We are dedicated to bringing awareness regarding anti-Black actions and crimes.

XIII. THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Associated Students of Loyola Marymount University supports the Office of Black Student Services by donating \$2,500 from the ASLMU Vice Presidents’ Initiative Fund to be allocated as they see fit.

XV. THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Associated Students of Loyola Marymount University recognizes and commends the speed and outcome of Public Safety’s investigation.

XVI. THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Associated Students of Loyola Marymount strongly requests that the University work alongside us to ensure these racially motivated attacks never transpire on our campus again.



Brion Dennis
ASLMU President



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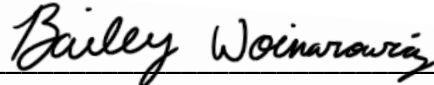
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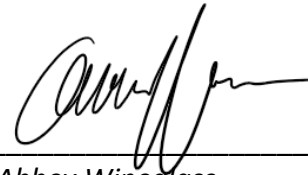
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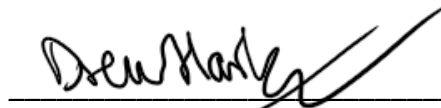
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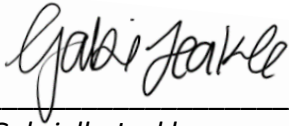


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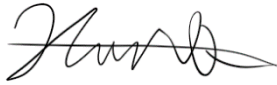
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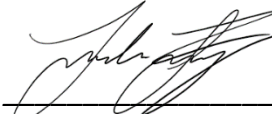
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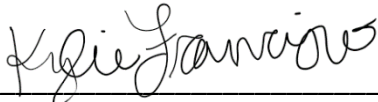
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ⁱ Links to Instagram posts from Black Student-Led Organizations

[Black Student Union \(BSU\)](#)

[Sisters in Solidarity \(SIS\)](#)

[African Student Association \(ASA\)](#)

[Brothers of Consciousness \(BOC\)](#)

[Office of Black Student Services \(OBSS\) and The Learning Community \(TLC\)](#)

ⁱⁱ [LMU Anti-Racism Project](#)

ⁱⁱⁱ [President Snyder's "Zero Tolerance for Racism" Letter in response to the incident of September 11, 2021](#)