

ASLMU Senate

Resolution SR 22-9

Black Student Overnight Experience

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I. WHEREAS According to a study conducted in 2020 by the U.S Department of Education 64% of those identifying as Asian enroll in college, 36% Hispanic, 36% Black, and 41% white. ¹

II. WHEREAS Within Loyola Marymount University itself there are 7.1% Black ,10% Asian, 23.6% Hispanic, and over 41.2% white students who are enrolled. ²

III. WHEREAS The large disparity of minorities who attend our school has become more and more apparent over the years especially for those who identify as African American.

IV. WHEREAS In order to increase Loyola Marymount University's undergraduate diversity the Black Student Overnight experience was created. Providing students, the opportunity to immerse themselves in college life and get to know LMU before deciding to commit.³

V. WHEREAS This two-day experience includes a number of panels, workshops, tours, etc. With the help of this experience many students have decided to commit to LMU ultimately increasing the diversity stats.

VI. WHEREAS On February 10th, 2023 it was announced through LMU This Week emails that Black Student Overnight (BSO) would not return due to the implantation of the Minors on Campus Policy back in the fall of 2019. ⁴

VII. WHEREAS According to the #blackatlmu Instagram page no communication was provided to the Black Admissions team in terms of the status of the BSO going into the 2022-2023 school year. It wasn't until January 18th, 2023 where information was provided stating that the BSO could not take place because of the cost not the Minors on Campus Policy. ⁵

¹ [https://nces.ed.gov/programs/coe/indicator/cpb/college-enrollment-rate#:~:text=The%20college%20enrollment%20rate%20in,Alaska%20Native%20\(22%20percent\).](https://nces.ed.gov/programs/coe/indicator/cpb/college-enrollment-rate#:~:text=The%20college%20enrollment%20rate%20in,Alaska%20Native%20(22%20percent).)

² <https://www.lmu.edu/about/factsfiguresrankings/#:~:text=Asian%3A%2010.0%25,Multi%2Drace%3A%207.7%25>

³ https://www.laloyolan.com/news/overnight-programs-held-for-prospective-students/article_d61be178-d8ee-5ac0-b85d-54833acc0de1.html

⁴ https://www.laloyolan.com/news/lmu-cancels-overnight-visits-brainstorms-alternatives/article_6a257a66-cc48-50db-b6aa-90471d59d02d.html

⁵ <https://www.instagram.com/p/Cos3DXQvuYg/?igshid=YmMyMTA2M2Y=>

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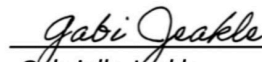
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VIII. *WHEREAS* It was not until February 3rd where a meeting was held between black students and staff with Gutto and Maureen Weatherall, Vice President for Enrollment Management where she stated that the real reasonings behind BSO not being hosted. 1) the new policy would require student volunteers to go through a mandatory training she felt would be too much of a “burden” for students and 2) a Supreme Court case would be taken place regarding University of California schools hosting race-specific events/⁶

IX. *THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED* Even though an alternative event will be taking place instead of BSO this events cuts down the amount of out of state students that can come to this events because of the cost to stay in the LMU area.

X. *THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED* Loyola Marymount University needs to strengthen their communication skills with both the #BlackatLMU team and the Black Admissions Team regarding events such as these.


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