

# ASLMU Senate

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## Resolution

### Supporting #BlackatLMU Resolution

I. *WHEREAS the mission of #BlackatLMU works to ensure a strong, vibrant, and inclusive community for Black students at Loyola Marymount. We strive to lay a strong foundation for an active body of students, ensuring our community upholds Jesuit values regarding race and inclusivity. Collectively, we work for the promotion of Black voices both on and beyond the Bluff.*

II. *WHEREAS #BlackatLMU is not a student club or organization. #BlackatLMU is not affiliated with Loyola Marymount University's offices, and it is not a registered RSO. That is because we're not a physical movement. Instead, envision #BlackatLMU as the overarching idea propelling LMU's Black organizations to strive for inclusion and promotion within LMU. Envision #BlackatLMU as the bonding force between the active and driven Black students on our campus.*

III. *WHEREAS Loyola Marymount University students "value the diversity of the human experience and commit to the practice of interculturalism to make meaningful contributions as citizens of the global community."*

IV. *WHEREAS Loyola Marymount University is committed to "the service of faith and promotion of justice" for all individuals*

V. *WHEREAS Loyola Marymount University students is committed to Service and Justice to be socially responsible citizens committed to building a more just world*

VI. *WHEREAS LMU has made three commitments to Anti-Racism, outlined in "Beyond Words" to be anti-racists in hiring stating, "we will increase the diversity and inclusiveness of our LMU community and commit resources to do so". LMU commits to an anti-racist climate and culture stating, "we will ensure that our organizational climate and culture are anti-racist, equitable, and inclusive, with particular attention to anti-Black racism." Lastly, LMU says they will commit to an anti-racist education by saying, "An LMU education must be unequivocally inclusive and anti-racist."*

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VII. *WHEREAS #BlackatLMU works “for the promotion of Black voices both on and beyond the Bluff” and ensure that the university upholds Jesuit values in terms of race and inclusivity.*

VIII. *WHEREAS #BlackAtLMU published a list of 13 demands from the Black undergraduate student body to the LMU President and Cabinet on August 13, 2020. These demands fall under the categories of “Admission & Retention”, “Supporting the Black Experience on Campus”, and the “Institutional Structures” of Loyola Marymount University.*

IX. *WHEREAS According to the ASLMU Bylaws, the responsibilities of Senators for Diversity and Inclusion are to “represent the varying needs and issues related to identities including, but not limited to, gender, sexual orientation, culture, disabilities, and neurodiversity” (Bylaws, Section 3, Subsection B, Sub-subsection b i)*

X. *THEREFORE LET IT BE RESOLVED ASLMU supports #BlackatLMU and all black bodies on LMU’s campus including but not limited to students, faculty, staff, employees, guests, and alumni. This includes, but is not limited to, their ideas, creations, and traditions.*

XI. *THEREFORE LET IT BE RESOLVED ASLMU stands in active solidarity with the #BlackatLMU movement and their work, “to ensure a strong, vibrant, and inclusive community for Black students at LMU”.*

XII. *THEREFORE LET IT BE RESOLVED ASLMU supports the 13 demands put forward by #BlackatLMU, as they are in line with Ignatian values and principles that encourage and seek to ensure social justice throughout the entire university and greater community. Furthermore, we call LMU’s administration to work in tandem with #BlackAtLMU to show LMU’s commitment to an “inclusive and anti-racist” institution.*

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*XIII. THEREFORE LET IT BE RESOLVED ASLMU calls our Senators for Diversity and Inclusion give special attention to the demands of student movements, including BlackAtLMU, as it represents a group of historically minoritized and marginalized students. ASLMU Senate highly recommends that the Senators of Diversity and Inclusion work in tandem with representatives from BlackAtLMU going forward, as it is in line with the responsibility of this position.*

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