

*ASLMU Senate at Loyola Marymount University  
A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF INCREASING DIVERSITY EFFORTS AT  
LOYOLA MARYMOUNT UNIVERSITY*

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RESOLUTION SR 17-03*

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**WHEREAS**, on Thursday, November 30, 2017, between 10am and 1pm, while a group of middle school students were given a tour of LMU by MEChA de LMU, they were all congregated on Regents Terrace, and a snapchat was taken stating the following: “Just me and all of my peers... oh wait, these are lower socioeconomic minority students that LMU busses in for tours and uses affirmative action to get them in later on!!!!”

**WHEREAS**, while we support the First Amendment which protects free speech, the ideologies expressed in the Snapchat do not reflect the mission of ASLMU,

**WHEREAS**, we acknowledge the classification of lower socioeconomic, minority students is ascribed to members of our own community, by society and other members of our community alike,

**WHEREAS**, we recognize that diversity include, but is not limited to: race, socioeconomic, communities that make up Los Angeles as a whole

**WHEREAS**, these views and ideologies should not be perpetuated and held by any member of our Loyola Marymount community,

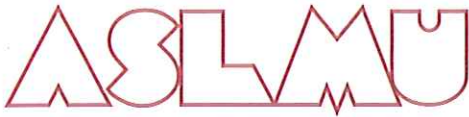
**WHEREAS**, these instances that target communities of color are not isolated, even on our campus,

**WHEREAS**, there have been other instances on campus that have been rooted in racism and classism,

**WHEREAS**, an ASLMU statement released by President Hayden Tanabe, and Chair of University Affairs stated that “LMU should continue to strive for our diversity on campus to match that of the dynamic city we live in,”

**WHEREAS**, as a Jesuit institution, we are called to the service of faith and the promotion of justice, and of being people with and for others, including those placed at the margins of our society, as well as being driven by integrity,

**WHEREAS**, multiple student organizations, such as MEChA de LMU, El Espejo, Service Organizations, etc., work to bring students from underserved areas to LMU’s campus to expose them to institutions of higher education,



**WHEREAS**, exposure to institutions of higher education at a young age increases the likelihood that those same students would want to pursue earning a degree in the future, potentially from those same institutions visited (NYU Steinhardt, 2016),

**WHEREAS**, many of the schools who come onto LMU’s campus, or the student organizations who bring them, pay for their own buses to and from their school,

**WHEREAS**, the administration of Loyola Marymount University, and ASLMU, needs to continue proactively supporting, and meeting the demands, of the student body,

**THEREFORE, THE SENATE OF THE ASSOCIATED STUDENTS OF LOYOLA MARYMOUNT UNIVERSITY DOES HEREBY RESOLVE**, that the amount of \$2,000 per academic year will be allocated from the ASLMU University Affairs budget to be used strictly to provide buses for schools in underserved communities to come to tour Loyola Marymount’s campus. Furthermore, all members of ASLMU, including Senate and Cabinet, will be required to participate in events that bring students from underserved communities to LMU, such as, but not limited to: campus tours provided by cultural organizations, MEChA de LMU’s Annual High School Conference, El Espejo mentoring, Fright Night, cultural overnight events put on by Admissions, ASLMU Cultural Nights, etc.

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