ASLMU Senate

Resolution SR 21-04

Supporting Freedom of Expression within Registered Student Organizations

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I. WHEREAS, Loyola Marymount University released a statement stating that the university "is reexamining and revising its policies and practices regarding student-organized activities to ensure stronger alignment with our mission".¹

II. WHEREAS, one of the Loyola Marymount University pillars rooted in Jesuit values, the encouragement of learning, specifically states that students of LMU should "engage[s] in ethical discourse and embrace[s] the search for values,"²

III. WHEREAS, the Student Affairs Freedom of Expression Policy reads that "the university's commitment to seek truth, wherever it may be found, impels us as a community to be tolerant of and open to events, activities and ideas that challenge us, make us uncomfortable, and may at times offend. The university also affirms its commitment to its members, regardless of their identities and beliefs, and all are encouraged to participate fully in the life of the university." ³

IV. THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the Associated Students of Loyola Marymount University wish for the university to uphold all current policies for Freedom of Expression for all Registered Student Organizations. ASLMU asks the university to support students' freedom of speech and its contribution to student life and to the college experience.

V. THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Associated Students of Loyola Marymount University believe that Freedom of Expression within a Registered Student Organization should be protected and is crucial to uplift the Jesuit value of the encouragement of learning.

VI. THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that ASLMU will continue to provide support to Registered Student Organizations as they conduct their diverse events and activities, so long as these events follow the Student Leadership & Development's Student Involvement Policy Guide and existing guidelines in place for Registered Student Organizations' events.

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¹ <u>https://newsroom.lmu.edu/2021/11/05/wip_statement/</u>

² <u>https://mission.lmu.edu/mission/</u>

³ LMU Student Affairs Freedom of Expression Policy, 2021-2022

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