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Dear UCSB Students,

We hope the winter quarter is off to a good start for you. We are writing to seek your input because we want UCSB students to have a voice in the development of an important UC-wide project to support inclusive campus environments for living and learning.

The UC Board of Regents convened a Working Group to draft a UC-wide Statement of Principles Against Intolerance in order to address acts of bigotry and discrimination. We are now reaching out to all UCSB students to invite you to share your thoughts concerning a potential Statement of Principles Against Intolerance.

Specifically, we want to get your input on:

- What is the value of Principles Against Intolerance?
- Are there particular forms or instances of bias and intolerance that you think the Working Group should keep in mind?
- What do you think is the best way to make a UC-wide statement of values inclusive?

To provide some context for your response, our UCSB Principles of Community can be found at <http://diversity.evc.ucsb.edu/principles.of.community>. We also want to highlight important policies we have in place at UCSB to support rights to Free Speech and opportunities to report incidents of discrimination. Please review **Your First Amendment Rights as a Student** and **Reporting and Responding to Hate Incidents and Hate Crimes** in the *Gaucha Guide*.

Whatever the scope or substance of your thoughts, we want to hear from you. Although we cannot guarantee what the Working Group will ultimately propose, we want to ensure that it hears from as many voices and perspectives as possible.

For those who wish to provide feedback, please email us at WeListen@sa.ucsb.edu by January 30, 2016. In the subject line of your email, please write “Comments to Working Group on Statement of Principles Against Intolerance.” Please note that because your responses will be shared with the Working Group, only include information that you would want to share. We will remove email addresses and email signature blocks, but we will not redact any other portions of the responses we receive.

Thank you for your participation. We look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

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