

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

Annual Systemwide Report on Hate Incidents on Campus

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Summary

This item provides the calendar year 2020 annual report on hate violence incidents reported on California State University campuses pursuant to California Education Code § 67380(a)(5). The statute requires the California State University to report annually the number of arrests for, and reported incidents of, hate violence. Each campus must make the annual report available to the public and published on the campus website.

During the 2020 calendar year there were no reported hate crimes and there was one reported non-criminal act of hate violence on one campus.

Background

The CSU supports a safe educational and working environment that includes compliance with safety laws and regulations including the Jeanne Clery Disclosure of Campus Security and Crime Statistics Act (Clery Act) (20 U.S.C. § 1092(f)) and the federal Violence Against Women Reauthorization Act of 2013 that amends the Clery Act under the Campus Sexual Violence Elimination Act provision (Campus SaVE Act). State laws and regulations include the Higher Education Act (California Education Code § 67380 *et seq.* and § 67390 *et seq.*).

California Penal Code §422.55 defines a hate crime as “*a criminal act committed, in whole or in part, because of one or more of the following actual or perceived characteristics of the victim:*

- (1) *Disability.*
- (2) *Gender.*
- (3) *Nationality.*
- (4) *Race or ethnicity.*
- (5) *Religion.*
- (6) *Sexual orientation.*

(7) Association with a person or group with one or more of these actual or perceived characteristics.

Hate violence for reporting purposes is defined in California Education Code § 67380(c)(1) as *“any act of physical intimidation or physical harassment, physical force or physical violence, or the threat of physical force or physical violence, that is directed against any person or group of persons, or the property of any person or group of persons because of the ethnicity, race, national origin, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, gender expression, disability, or political or religious beliefs of that person or group.”*

Multiple divisions and departments on each of the 23 CSU campuses work to reduce the incidence and prevalence of hate crimes and violence. Discrimination, Harassment and Retaliation Administrators and Title IX Coordinators and their respective staff teams provide training and outreach to promote equity and inclusion and ensure compliance with anti-discrimination policies and Title IX regulations that prohibit sex and gender-based discrimination, harassment, retaliation, and violence. Student affairs professionals strive to promote campus communities free of hate violence incidents through multicultural and identity-based student centers, as well as offices of student life and of civic engagement. Residential life and housing operations also provide educational programming designed to combat discrimination, harassment, and retaliation, and promote welcoming communities. Many of these areas also incorporate bystander education to help prevent hate violence incidents and crimes. University police departments are often the first responders when an alleged hate crime is reported, and university police officers are committed to ensuring a safe and hate crime-free campus environment in keeping with the 21st Century Policing Task Force's recommendations to incorporate student focused and community-based policies, practices, and approaches.

CSU employees are keenly aware that even the perception that a hate crime has taken place can have a significant detrimental impact on the campus community and are trained to respond with care, compassion, and concern whenever an incident is reported. This is especially important given the current national context as we grapple with the devastating impacts of both the COVID-19 pandemic, recurring incidents of anti-black violence and other forms of overt racism against Asian Americans/Pacific Islanders and Latinx individuals, and persistent unfair targeting of individuals who are immigrants and/or undocumented. Counseling and Psychological Services staff, Chief Diversity Officers, Dean of Students Office representatives, and members of campus-based critical incident response teams coordinate responses to reported hate violence incidents and promote healing, sense-making, and reconciliation after a reported incident has occurred and during throughout investigation.

Conclusion

For the year ending December 31, 2020, no reported hate crimes and one reported non-criminal act of hate violence on one campus will be published on the California State University and 23 campus web pages as required by California Education Code §67380(a)(5). The CSU will continue to sustain and expand efforts to prevent hate crimes and hate violence and respond with care and compassion to when incidents occur.