ASSOCIATED STUDENTS, INC.
CAL STATE SAN MARCOS

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To: Students of California State University San Marcos

From: Octavio Martinez, ASI President & CEO
Octavio Martinez (Nov 5, 2024 09:08 PST)

Re: Advocating for Inclusive and Welcoming Language

Associated Students, Inc. of California State University, San Marcos (ASI) is dedicated to fostering a campus environment where all students feel safe, respected, and supported.

ASI is aware of incidents that have made students feel unsafe and takes these incidents very seriously. We want to affirm that we are and will continue to be advocates for students through their journey at CSUSM. Our campus is no place for hate, and we are actively working with students, student organizations, and administration to identify diverse ways to support and gather concerns from our fellow students. We are currently creating and implementing an ASI taskforce that will be charged with recommending solutions to social justice issues and concerns impacting the campus community.

As we continue to navigate challenging issues, including the current election season, we encourage everyone to use words thoughtfully and with respect. Words can uplift communities but can also harm them. So, as we all work and learn together, we urge you to maintain respect for one another, be compassionate, and remember that what you say impacts others.

For any student who needs any additional support the following campus resources are here to assist you:

- Student Health & Counseling Services
- Cougar Care Network
- Community Support and Conflict Resolution (Dr. Rocio Terry at OCC@csusm.edu)
- Student Leadership & Involvement Center (SLIC) for Recognized Student Organization Oversight

If you feel you have been discriminated against, harassed, or have faced retaliation, we encourage you to contact the Discrimination, Harassment and Retaliation (DHR) office to discuss filing a complaint.

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