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Dear campus community,

As I've been connecting with many of you, some key questions have arisen, so I wanted to make sure to provide updates and next steps regarding the statue on our campus.

Many of you have shared personally with me your hurt and pain from the abuse that has come to light. And I want to be clear: The statue will be removed to prevent further harm. We're working to see how quickly we can make this happen. Its presence no longer aligns with Cal State San Marcos' vision, mission or values.

Let me also be clear that our enduring commitment to care, social justice and civil rights extends beyond a single individual and remains essential to the fabric of our very being.

We will convene a representative campus group to thoughtfully consider what will replace the statue, keeping our values at the center of this process and the decisions ahead.

The next opportunity for our campus community to come together will be a Reflection Session for support, togetherness and solidarity, on Tuesday, March 24 at noon (U-hour) in Academic Hall 304. We've set up an email address input@csusm.edu where you can share your thoughts and input, and we will be creating a webpage to ensure ongoing updates and communication.

Sincerely,

Ellen J. Neufeldt
President