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In my perspective of the campus climate as a first-year student for the academic year of 2016-2017, the current campus has evolved from the environment it was when Kong wrote her paper in 2014 as now there are outreach organizations that create a sphere of inclusion for all students and there are efforts from the administration to communicate with the student body about controversial thoughts, to highlight how the university has adapted itself into its policy of diversity and inclusion. The reading has broadened my view of the campus by suggesting the condition of the student body from before and their thoughts how UCSD has handled confrontations to its mission of diversity and inclusion, where the visions of students on campus have not always been unified.

Times seem to have changed in a couple of years since 2014, where Kong voices the concerns of students, “request[ing] administrators to fund more outreach efforts... staff and programs” compared to today, where these resources serve the entirety of the campus, and every ethnic group is represented and support in one way or another (Kong 10). While she makes a valid point about the lack of an Asian-American resource center compared to the scope of the Black Resource and Raza Centers, in the two years following her paper, Asians are not only represented in the university’s DEI courses, but also provided increasing support from student organizations, resulting in many Asian-centered clubs and outreach groups, like the Korean-American Student Association, raising awareness of Asian culture as evidenced during Club Rush on Library Walk in Week 1. From today’s perspective, I feel Asians are well immersed in the campus climate, where they are fairly represented in faculty and student affairs while maintaining their minority status in scholarships and financial aid from the school. As a public campus, I believe UCSD has lived up to the UC policy of diversity and inclusion.

Works Cited

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