

## **Council of Chairs Condemnation of Sunday's Act of Hate**

Wednesday, June 3, 2020

Dear Fellow Tritons,

We write to condemn the outrageous [act of hate](#) committed on May 31 that disrupted a meeting called by the Associated Students. As department chairs, one of our most vital duties is to serve students, staff, and faculty by helping to foster a university climate that upholds UC San Diego's [Principles of Community](#). Racist slurs, and those who voice them, have no place in our principled community. We join with Associated Students leaders and with VC-EDI Becky Pettitt and VCSA Alysson Satterlund in [rejecting and condemning](#) the act of hate, and urge that the strongest possible steps be taken to address it. Cowardly acts like this that target one group of students at our university deeply offend all members of our community, and our campus must stand united to denounce them.

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