SGA Stands with the Black Student Union

In light of the recent events that have highlighted and exposed the deep racial injustice and inequality in the United States, many students at Chapman have expressed their frustration and concern with issues surrounding diversity and inclusion within our university community. Chapman’s own Black Student Union has created a petition and list of demands in order to improve various aspects of the campus climate as well as the overall Chapman experience. The Student Government Association unequivocally supports our Black community and BSU’s objectives of creating an anti-racist and welcoming culture at Chapman.

BSU has put forth a list of twelve action items, each unique and designed to better various facets of the university. Over the past few months, SGA has worked with BSU, along with faculty, staff, and administrators on campus, to methodically evaluate each action item in the larger context of enhancing diversity and inclusion at Chapman. The following illustrate the specific steps that SGA will continue to take to ensure concrete progress on each BSU action item:

1) Assign two to four members of SGA to each action item
2) Outline goals and next steps within each action item group
3) Research existing programs, resources, and efforts on Chapman’s campus
4) Examine successful practices at other higher education institutions
5) Meet with relevant BSU members, departments, and administrators to create a comprehensive plan of realistic goals and changes
6) Hold the university accountable for implementing these agreed upon efforts

SGA is calling on the university administration to commit to seeing these changes through by verbalizing specific, measurable, and timely goals to foster equity on campus. SGA looks forward to updating the Chapman community of tangible changes as well as working with BSU and all relevant parties to ensure Chapman is a welcoming place where all students can thrive and succeed.

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