Dear Colleagues,

I am writing to express my enthusiastic support for the implementation of an undergraduate diversity requirement within the College of Letters and Science at UCLA, as already approved by students, faculty and the Legislative Assembly in an open, democratic process. UCLA remains the only UC campus (Merced notwithstanding) without a curricular diversity requirement and given the recent acts of intolerance and discrimination at UCLA, as outlined by the Moreno Report, and detailed by the Los Angeles Times, the New York Times and the Chronicle of Higher Education, it is time to enact this requirement. This measure has the legitimate support of College students and faculty and these bodies deserve the autonomy to establish their own curriculum and determine its requirements. As College faculty do not vote on the curricular requirements of other schools at UCLA, their choices should not require the approval of non-College faculties at UCLA.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

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