

May 9th, 2024

To the UC San Diego Department of Literature,

The undersigned students of the Literature Department express their dissatisfaction and disappointment with the statement released on May 8th addressing the violent arrest of students and faculty during the sweep of the Gaza Solidarity Encampment on May 6th, and the brutal treatment of those rightfully protesting the arrest of their friends and peers thereafter. Because the statement fails to adequately support the student body, we call upon our department to take a more actionable stance against our university's administration and adhere to the following demands:

**We demand that the Literature Department calls for the immediate resignation of Pradeep Khosla.** If the Department acknowledges Khosla's willingness to "use violence against UCSD students and faculty" and believes that these actions are "unacceptable under any circumstances," then it should be clear that he is unfit to serve the university and its students.

**We demand that all Literature Department faculty unequivocally demand boycott and divestment from public and private sources that support Israel's ongoing genocide in Gaza.**

**We demand that the Literature Department demands complete and immediate amnesty from any and all disciplinary action taken against all students, faculty, and staff associated with the encampment and the protests following the raid.** While the statement released on May 8th demands the reversal of student suspensions, this demand is too narrow and may not encompass other disciplinary actions the university may take.

**We demand that the Literature Department calls for an immediate and permanent removal of police presence on campus.**

The undersigned students are proud to be a part of the UC San Diego Literature Department. Values outlined in our Chair's letter on the Department's website cite the importance of developing "critical and creative interventions that will shape and inform a sustainable and just future." We believe that the demands above are imperative to engage with and work towards this future.

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