

Resolution to Condemn Aggressive Distribution of *The Koala* on CSU Campuses

WHEREAS, *The Koala* is a publication whose content propagates hatred and prejudice against women, as well as religious, racial, gender, sexual, disabled and immigrant minorities, and

WHEREAS, studies indicate that there is a correlation between hate speech and hate crimes, and

WHEREAS, while the CFA values freedom of speech as a fundamental right and strongly advocates freedom of speech in all aspects of university life, the CFA also recognizes the right to freedom of speech is not absolute and is subject to legal restrictions on hate speech,

WHEREAS, hateful and mendacious speech that targets the above-mentioned groups is anathema to the CSU values of inclusivity and diversity in higher education, and

WHEREAS, *The Koala* creates a hostile environment for the above-mentioned groups through its hateful rhetoric, pictures and aggressive distribution practices, and

WHEREAS, the CSU administrators and Trustees have neglected to adequately address the problem,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the California Faculty Association condemns the hate-motivated content of *The Koala* and demands that the CSU administrators and Trustees remedy the hostile working and learning environment created by the on-campus distribution of this publication.

THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that presidents at affected campuses act in due haste to preserve the working and learning environment, taking actions that move beyond rhetoric to mitigate the hostile environment created by the distribution of *The Koala*.

Passed by CFA Council for Affirmative Action

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