

October 6, 2009

Office of the President
Dr. Mary Lyons, President
University of San Diego
Hughes Center, Room 222
5998 Alcalá Park
San Diego, CA 92110-2492

Dear Dr. Lyons:

The President's Advisory Board on Inclusion and Diversity had its first meeting of the fall semester last Friday, October 2. As you know, PABID was created with the purpose to advise the President via reports, recommendations, and initiatives on issues, policies and practices that affect the University of San Diego's commitment to inclusion and diversity.

As a result of our meeting, PABID passed a motion with an amendment and now puts it forth to you as a recommendation for which we strongly encourage your support:

“PABID recommends to President Mary Lyons and University of San Diego Administration that the university reconsider and ultimately reverse its decision that the PRIDE dance cannot be advertised as a dance, as it was originally advertised, and be renamed a ‘social.’ PABID believes that such a decision would be wholly consistent with USD’s mission statement, vision, and goals promoting inclusion and diversity as an integral part of its Roman Catholic identity and related values.”

Amendment:

“PABID also recommends that a committee is formed, consisting of students, faculty, staff, and administrators, to clarify policy governing the parameters for all student organizations’ events, including PRIDE.”

We look forward to sharing your advocacy of this recommendation at our next PABID meeting and with our students and colleagues. Please contact me (as Stephen is traveling) if you would like further information or have any questions.

With best regards,

Dr. Alberto Pulido
Chair of PABID
Professor and Department Chair of Ethnic Studies

Stephen Pultz
Vice Chair of PABID
Director of Undergraduate Admissions