

Reported Incidents of Bias (2017-2018)

Admission tour incident April 30

Colleagues,

As part of our commitment to be transparent in communicating about issues related to race occurring on our campus, we are writing to share the following update.

On a CSU Admissions tour Monday, a parent participating in the tour called campus police because she was nervous about the presence of two young men who joined the tour while it was in progress. Police responded to the call by contacting the young men, who are Native American and visiting from New Mexico, during the tour. The CSUPD spoke with the students, confirmed they were part of the tour, and allowed them to rejoin the group. Unfortunately, due to the location of the tour when the contact was made, the Admissions tour guide was unaware that police had been called or responded, and the tour group had moved on without the students, who returned to Ammons Hall briefly, then left campus to return home to New Mexico.

This incident is sad and frustrating from nearly every angle, particularly the experience of two students who were here to see if this was a good fit for them as an institution. The Office of Admissions, Office of the VP for Diversity, Native American Cultural Center, and the CSUPD all are meeting to review how such an incident can be avoided or more appropriately handled in the future. We have reached out to the students' family and school community. As a University community, we deeply regret the experience of these students while they were guests on our campus.

The fact that these two students felt unwelcome on our campus while here as visitors runs counter to our Principles of Community and the goals and aspirations of the CSU Police Department, even as they are obligated to respond to an individual's concern about public safety, as well as the principles of our Office of Admissions.

Signed,

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