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In a brief way, I would like to share my experience at UCI. Through the exchange program, I had the great opportunity to learn the English language, both speaking and writing, and also shared my knowledge in Buddhist philosophy with UCI students and staff. All expenses including tuition, apartment and food were taken care of in advance, which allowed us to focus solely on our study and cultural exchange activities.

I and the other three visiting scholars had a very happy time at UCI and did not face any problems during our entire journey. I would like to thank everyone at the UCI-Tibet Initiative Exchange Program and all UCI staff who have made this wonderful program a success. I also thank you all for your hospitality.

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