



Resolution Supporting Campus Autonomy in Implementing an Ethnic Studies Requirement

Whereas, the Academic Senate of the California State University recently passed a resolution, AS-3397-19, requesting feedback from all campuses about a possible ethnic studies requirement for all undergraduate degrees throughout the system; and

Whereas, the exploration of a system-wide ethnic studies requirement is a result of the state legislative activity related to AB 1460 and is happening two years after changes to our General Education curriculum as a result of the system mandate in EO 1100; and

Whereas, the possible implementation of a system-wide ethnic studies requirement is an important curricular issue that falls within the traditional purview of faculty directed systems of shared governance; and

Whereas, the variation found in a 23 campus system of higher education reflects the complexity and diversity of the largest and most diverse state in the US; and

Whereas, campus curricula have developed over time as a consequence of the unique circumstances, constraints (e.g. high unit majors), student populations, and faculty expertise at each campus; and

Whereas, the CSUF Academic Senate previously passed a resolution, ASD 17-145, in opposition to the top-down curricular approach undertaken with EO 1100 in order to protect and respect the uniqueness of our campus and all the campuses of the CSU system; therefore be it

Resolved that the CSUF Academic Senate supports the ASCSU efforts to consult each campus for feedback on policy related to any future ethnic studies requirement; and be it further

Resolved that CSUF Academic Senate recommends to ASCSU and the Chancellor's Office that any ethnic studies requirement

- 1) Engages students in decolonial approaches that examine the ways in which race, racialization and racism, white supremacy, colorism, imperialism, patriarchy and capitalism have been, and continue to be, powerful social, cultural, and political forces and their connections to other axes of stratification, including gender, class, sexuality, legal status, and the related social justice movements; and
- 2) Provides flexibility for campuses to determine the exact implementation of such a requirement through each campus' system of shared governance, including student input, and curricular development within the parameters established for the learning goals of such a requirement as determined through consultation with ASCSU and the CSU Ethnic Studies Council; and be it further

Resolved that copies of this resolution be distributed to the CSU Chancellor, CSU Executive Vice Chancellor for Academic and Student Affairs, CSU Associate Vice Chancellor, Academic programs, Innovation and Faculty Development; the CSUF President, the CSUF Provost and Vice-President for Academic Affairs, the Academic Senate of the California State University.