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### **Resolution to Create the Ethnic Studies Requirement Committee**

WHEREAS: The State legislature passed AB 1460 that mandates Ethnic Studies as a graduation requirement and the Chancellor's Office amended Title V to reflect the law;

WHEREAS: Each campus must determine which courses shall enter the new requirement and what infrastructure is necessary for successful implementation of the new Ethnic Studies requirement;

WHEREAS: Academic Senate maintains campus autonomy to interpret Chancellor's Office Executive Orders in alignment with California State University Fullerton's (CSUF) definition of Ethnic Studies, Ethnic Studies courses, and Ethnic Studies expertise;

WHEREAS: CSU policy does not constrain campuses from including additional faculty in the GE or curriculum approval process;

WHEREAS: California State University Fullerton's Academic Senate passed a resolution in Support of Addressing Structural Racism and Anti-Blackness in Our Policies on August 27, 2020 that expressly declared our commitment to "promote anti-racism and aid in the dismantling of policies and practices that promote racism and inequity";

WHEREAS: AB 1460 and the Chancellor's Office identify that only courses from Ethnic Studies Departments can fulfill the Ethnic Studies requirement; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that Academic Senate at CSUF acknowledge and affirm within Academic Senate documents and proceedings, when referring to "Ethnic Studies" this refers to the three departments: African American Studies, Asian American Studies and Chicana and Chicano Studies Departments; and be it further

RESOLVED, that an "Ethnic Studies course" is offered by the Department of African American Studies, Asian American Studies, and/or Chicana and Chicano Studies or cross-listed with one or more of these three departments; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Academic Senate create an Ethnic Studies Requirement Committee; and be it further



RESOLVED, that the Ethnic Studies Requirement Committee be composed primarily of faculty selected by the Departments of African American Studies, Asian American Studies, and Chicana and Chicano Studies, and students selected by ASI; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Academic Senate charge the Ethnic Studies Requirement Committee to interpret CSU core competencies into proposed Student Learning Objectives (SLOs); and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Academic Senate charge the Ethnic Studies Requirement Committee to select which existing Ethnic Studies courses meet the required SLOs and then to submit those to the GE committee for placement into the Ethnic Studies requirement; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Ethnic Studies Requirement Committee collaborate with the GE committee to appropriately revise the required University Policy Statements (e.g. UPS 411.200, 411.201, 411.203) so the approval process is clear, the learning outcomes are stated, and the process to review and revise outcomes and to recertify courses is collaborative; and be it further

RESOLVED: that the Ethnic Studies Requirement Committee report to the Academic Senate about the status of the requirement including any recommendations for future standing committee work by the end of the 2020/2021 Academic Year; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Ethnic Studies Requirement Committee reserves the right to revisit and revise SLO and course recommendations; and be it further

RESOLVED: that upon meeting the initial deadline set by the Chancellor's Office, in order to develop the best Ethnic Studies requirement for our students, faculty and campus community, the Ethnic Studies requirement shall be revisited and/or revised by the Ethnic Studies Requirement Committee 2, 4, and 6 years after implementation to protect the quality of the Ethnic Studies requirement; and be it further;

RESOLVED: that copies of this resolution be distributed to  
CSUF President Virjee  
CSUF Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs Thomas  
CSUF Council of Deans  
CSUF General Education Committee  
CSUF University Curriculum Committee  
Chair of the Department of African American Studies  
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