



Resolution 2021.5.1 – Add Latin American Studies to the Discipline List in the Handbook of Minimum Qualifications for CA Community Colleges: Crocitti (Updated for May 17, 2021 Academic Senate Meeting)

Move: G. Johnson

Second: I. Stojimirovic

Whereas globalization offers opportunities for successful careers to people who are knowledgeable about the cultures, economies, geographies, histories, languages, political institutions, and social structures of the region known as Latin America;

Whereas careers directly connected to Latin America include, but are not limited to business, education, environmental sustainability, finance, government service, human-rights advocacy, journalism, law, public health, technology, tourism, and translation services increasingly require part-time or full-time residence in that region in addition to substantial and broad knowledge about that region;

Whereas Latin American Studies “is a multidisciplinary program designed to provide an effective understanding of the cultures, histories, societies, economies, and governments of Latin America, offering basic education and training for business or professional careers that require specialized knowledge of this exciting and diverse area of the world”¹;

Whereas a number of California State University and University of California campus offer baccalaureate, masters and doctoral degrees in Latin American Studies, and number offer a minor in that field;

Resolved that the Mesa Academic Senate work with the other San Diego Community College District Academic Senates to urge the ASCCC to add Latin American Studies the list of disciplines and areas in the *Handbook of Minimum Qualifications for Faculty and Administrators in California Community Colleges*;

Resolved that the Mesa Academic Senate work with the other San Diego Community College District Academic Senates to urge the ASCCC to set the minimum qualifications for Latin American Studies be a Master’s Degree in Latin American Studies or a Master’s Degree in one of the sub-disciplines typically included in Latin American Studies degree programs and upper division or graduate course work in at least one other constituent sub-discipline.

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The unanimous vote is delineated on page 2.

¹ San Diego State University 2020/2021 General Catalog, p. 331.

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