



**Resolution 2021.5.2 – Creating a General Education Requirement in Ethnic Studies at the San Diego Community College District in Alignment with the Cal State University System:** Ethnic Studies Task Force

Move: Primoza

Second: G. Johnson

Whereas, Ethnic Studies is an interdisciplinary and comparative study of race and ethnicity with special focus on four historically defined racialized core groups—Native Americans, African Americans, Asian Americans, and Latina/o Americans—offered through various disciplines including Ethnic Studies, Chicana and Chicano Studies, Latina and Latino Studies, African American Studies, Black Studies, Asian American and Pacific Islander Studies, Native American Studies, Africana Studies, Mexican American Studies, Indigenous Studies, Filipino Studies, La Raza Studies, and Central American Studies<sup>1</sup>; and

Whereas, courses offered from Ethnic Studies disciplines engage students in dynamic and rigorous instruction through discipline-specific theoretical lenses that teaches them about the history, culture, agency, and contributions of these diverse communities in the making of California and the U.S., and how to engage in a critical analysis of these communities in relation to each other and society at large to understand and address how they are impacted by oppressive structures of internalized racism, generational trauma, sexism, classism, and homophobia; and

Whereas, the passage of California Assembly Bill 1460 in August 2020, requires a minimum of one 3-unit course in Ethnic Studies to the Cal State University system’s graduation requirements, which will impact the expected growth and demand for courses in Ethnic Studies disciplines at California Community Colleges; and

Whereas, the San Diego Community College District has already demonstrated a commitment to supporting Ethnic Studies with the establishment of some of the first Black Studies and Chicana/o Studies departments in the state of California over the last fifty years, and the Mesa College Academic Senate has already approved Resolution 2020.9.1 “CCC Ethnic Studies Graduation Requirement” on October 5, 2021, publicly stating its support for specific Ethnic Studies requirements for CCC degrees and AB 1440 transfer students; therefore

Resolved, the Mesa College Academic Senate work with the other Academic Senates in the SDCCD to recommend that it begin working through existing processes and in consultation with Ethnic Studies discipline experts to establish a minimum graduation requirement of one 3-unit course in Ethnic Studies, in alignment with the Cal State University system’s graduation requirement.

Presented to the Academic Senate: May 3, 2021

Approved by the Academic Senate: May 17, 2021

The votes are delineated on the following page:

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<sup>1</sup> Central American Studies in the context Ethnic Studies focuses on the experience of Central Americans in the United States. Students can earn a BA in Central American Studies that grew out of Chicana/o Studies at California State University, Northridge. East Los Angeles College houses Central American Studies in the Chicana and Chicano Studies. The Cesar Chavez Chicana/o and Central American Studies Department is housed at UCLA. Be it clear, that in this context, Central American Studies is not Latin American Studies

Members present for the meeting:

E. Adelson  
C. Allbee  
I. Arguelles-Ibarra  
J. Braun  
M. Brewer  
H. Browne  
J. Crocitti  
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R. Fremland  
V. Gerace  
A. Gurganus  
M. Gwin  
A. Hoffman  
S. Hughes  
C. Huynh  
H. Jagielinski  
G. Johnson  
I. Kanevsky  
C. Katungi  
J. Keller  
G. Kim  
T. Kohlenberg  
K. Lacher  
D. Miyoshi  
K. Naimark  
R. Nichols  
A. Primoza  
A. Reuss  
R. Sanchez  
J. Sardo  
K. Secor  
L. Seiger  
S. Shi  
I. Stojimirovic  
G. Svoboda  
O. V. Torres  
K. Wait  
W. Wesley

H. Browne (Abstained)