

CSUN Ethnic Studies Resolution

In Opposition to Chancellors Proposed Implementation of AB 1460 (Approved by the Faculty Senate 9/24/2020)

WHEREAS, Governor Newsom signed AB 1460 into law on August 17, 2020 providing an explicit pathway for an Ethnic Studies requirement in the CSU,

WHEREAS, in opposition to AB 1460, the Chancellor's Office proposed to the CSU Board of Trustees a new General Education Area F of Ethnic Studies and Social Justice and a simultaneous reduction of Area D by 3 units.

WHEREAS, The Board of Trustees approved said proposal at their July 2020 meeting.

WHEREAS, On September 10, 2020, the Chancellor's Office issued a memo requiring campuses to implement the new General Education requirement, "Area F," mandating that the ethnic studies requirement be lower division; and

WHEREAS, campuses have already experienced tumultuous GE changes in the recent past due to E.O. 1100 Revised; and

WHEREAS, campuses are strained by contingent emergencies including, but not limited to—the COVID-19 global pandemic, wildfires and other climate-based natural disasters, and economic downturn effecting state allocations; and

WHEREAS, campus faculty are the experts in designing and executing curriculum and Africana Studies, American Indian Studies, Asian American Studies, Central American Studies, and Chicana/o Studies faculty are experts in Ethnic Studies; and

WHEREAS, the CSU Chancellor's Office memo issued on September 10, 2020 specifies an impossible timeline to ensure appropriate collaboration as required by AB-1460, consultation, deliberation, and conversation among Ethnic Studies faculty and other campus faculty on the design, construction, and student-centered implementation of Ethnic Studies; and

WHEREAS, there has not been enough time for appropriate consultation within the CSU Council of Ethnic Studies on all aspects of AB 1460 and Title V changes; and

WHEREAS, AB-1460 does not specify the Ethnic Studies course be a GE requirement; and

WHEREAS, AB-1460 does not specify the Ethnic Studies course be an upper-division or lower-division course;

WHEREAS, the Ethnic Studies faculty at CSUN oppose placing the requirement solely in lower division General Education; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Academic Senate of CSUN asks the CSU Chancellor's Office to rescind their Title V July 2020 changes; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Academic Senate of CSUN ask that the leadership of the CSU AS and the Chancellor's Office rescind their acceptance of the Ethnic Studies core competencies until the CSU Council on Ethnic Studies has met with CSU Ethnic Studies Department or Program experts, to discuss, vet, and officially approve the proposed Student Learning Outcomes (core competencies),

RESOLVED, that students be given flexibility in meeting the Ethnic Studies requirement with either lower division or upper division courses,

RESOLVED, that nine units be retained in General Education Areas D1, D2, D3 and D4 (Social Science and U.S. History and Local Government) in order to guarantee students fulfill Title V mandate (American Institutions),

RESOLVED, that the CSU Chancellor's Office recognize that Ethnic Studies is an interdisciplinary field that requires Arts and Humanities *and* Social Sciences, and that the AB1460 ES requirement can be fulfilled in these areas,

RESOLVED, that the CSU Chancellor's Office rescind its GE plan because it does not have the authority to restrict this ES requirement to be a GE and be subjected to GE regulations,

RESOLVED, that the timeline for implementation be extended to allow for effective and genuine collaboration between the CSUAS and Ethnic Studies faculty as defined in AB 1460,

RESOLVED, that this be distributed to Chancellor White, EVC Blanchard, ASCSU Chair, CSU Council on Ethnic Studies, Council of Academic Senate Chairs, Respective Deans and Chairs, and the CSUN Council on Ethnic Studies.