

**ACADEMIC SENATE
OF
THE CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY**

AS-3452-20/Substitute
November 5-6, 2020

**OPPOSITION TO THE CSU BOARD OF TRUSTEES' CHANGES TO TITLE 5
AND CSU CHANCELLOR'S OFFICE PROPOSAL FOR IMPLEMENTING AB
1460: THE ETHNIC STUDIES REQUIREMENT**

RESOLVED: That the Academic Senate CSU (ASCSU) hold that the recommendations of this resolution supersede those in [AS-3403-19/AA \(Rev\)](#) and [AS-3420-20/AA](#) from January and May 2020 respectively; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the Academic Senate of the California State University (ASCSU) appreciate that the distinctiveness and autonomy of each of the twenty-three universities provides strategic advantages for the California State University (CSU) as a whole; and be it further

RESOLVED: That consonant with the 18 campus senate resolutions passed in opposition to the Title 5 changes in General Education (GE) promulgated in July 2020 by the CSU Board of Trustees and Chancellor's Office Draft AB 1460 Implementation proposal, the ASCSU request that the CSU Board of Trustees reverse the Title 5 changes regarding the creation of a new area of lower division GE Breadth and the 3-unit reduction in GE Area D; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the ASCSU urge the Chancellor's Office and Board of Trustees to revise the proposal in light of recommendations in the campus resolutions, including:

- Amend the Title V change approved by the Board of Trustees in July 2020 and provide for campus autonomy in implementation of the requirement
- Reaffirm the Higher Education Employee-Employer Relations Act (HEERA) and faculty expertise in curriculum

; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the ASCSU urge the Chancellor's Office to revise its proposal in light of recommendations in the campus resolutions, including but not limited to:

- Provide for campus autonomy in implementation of the requirement,
- Establish that the requirement may be met in upper or lower division courses,

- Establish that the requirement may be met in GE courses or courses outside of GE Breadth, including major courses, university electives and/or an overlay,
 - Separate tribal nation sovereignty from ethnic groups in the core competencies
- ; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the ASCSU endorse that existing local campus curricular processes should be respected and utilized to qualify and approve courses that meet the Ethnic Studies course requirements; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the ASCSU assert that catalog rights (Title 5 section 40401) should be described and included in the policy on CSU GE breadth; and be it further,

RESOLVED: That the ASCSU distribute this resolution to the CSU Board of Trustees, CSU Chancellor, CSU campus Senate Chairs, CSU Provosts/Vice Presidents of Academic Affairs, California Senate Education Committee, and the California Assembly Committee on Higher Education.

***RATIONALE:** AB 1460 was passed by the California Legislature and signed into law by the Governor in August of 2020. This new law states that commencing with students graduating in the 2024-2025 academic year, the California State University shall require, as an undergraduate graduation requirement, the completion of, at minimum, one three-unit course in ethnic studies. The university shall not increase the number of units required to graduate from the university with a baccalaureate degree by the enforcement of this requirement. In an effort to convince the legislature to defeat AB 1460, the ASCSU passed [AS-3403-19/AA \(Rev\) Recommended Implementation of a California State University \(CSU\) Ethnic Studies Requirement](#) and [AS-3420-20/AA Response to the Chancellor's Office Memo on Recommended Implementation of a California State University \(CSU\) Ethnic Studies Requirement \(March 17, 2020\)](#) in January and March 2020 respectively. In an attempt to achieve the same goal, in July 2020 the Board of Trustees adopted changes to Title 5 to integrate a new Ethnic Studies and Social Justice requirement in General Education Breadth. After AB 1460 was signed into law, the Chancellor's Office issue its draft 1460 implementation proposal revising Executive Order 1100.*

To date, 18 campus senates have passed resolutions opposing the changes in Title 5 and the Chancellor's Office draft 1460 implementation proposal revising Executive Order 1100. The majority of campus resolutions support completing the Ethnic Studies requirement through both lower and upper division courses, whether inside or outside General Education (GE) and nearly all of these resolutions call for the Board of Trustees to rescind the changes to Title 5. Campus senate resolutions also make a series of recommendations intended to preserve campus autonomy, maintain

maximum flexibility in implementation of the requirement in order to accommodate campus culture, preserve the integrity of the requirement as an Ethnic Studies requirement and ensure authentic collaboration among all parties in the development of the CSU's implementation of AB 1460.

Given that AB 1460 is now law and 18 campus senates have passed resolutions opposing the Chancellor's Office draft implementation memo, the ASCSU passes this resolution to supersede [AS-3403-19/AA \(Rev\)](#) and [AS-3420-20/AA](#). Here the ASCSU asks that the CSU Board of Trustees reverse their July 2020 Title 5 changes regarding the new area of lower division GE Breadth and urges the Chancellor's Office and Board of Trustees to revise the implementation proposal in light of recommendations in campus senate resolutions. This resolution highlights and supports major recommendations made by campus senates, with a particular emphasis on campus autonomy, stresses the importance of respecting existing local campus curricular processes in the qualification and approval of courses that meet the new requirement and asserts that catalog rights should be described and included in CSU GE Breadth policy.

Approved – November 13, 2020