

September 19, 2020

Dr. Robert Keith Collins, Chair
Academic Senate, CSU
The California State University
401 Golden Shore
Long Beach, California 90802-4210

RE: September 17-18, 2020

Dear Dr. Collins:

Thank you for forwarding the resolutions adopted by the Academic Senate of the California State University (ASCSU) at its September 17-18, 2020 meeting. This response breaks with tradition and responds to a single ASCSU resolution. This is due to the importance of this item, the level of interest surrounding the topic, and our desire to develop policy and provide guidance to campuses in a timely manner. Most importantly, this resolution and our response are a part of our implementation of the requirements of California Education Code 89032 (AB 1460).

AS-3438-20/AA: Recommended Core Competencies for Ethnic Studies: Response to California Education Code 89032

This resolution represents the culmination of discussions that have taken place over the last year. The ASCSU began discussions in September, 2019. The first draft of the core competencies from Ethnic Studies Council were shared with the ASCSU and subsequently modified and approved via resolution AS 3403. In September 2020 further changes were suggested and approved by the Ethnic Studies Council. The clarifications have now been approved by the ASCSU in this resolution. We thank both groups for their collaboration and hard work in creating these competencies.

We accept these competencies and will now include them in our draft of the revisions of the Executive Order on CSU General Education Breadth (formerly known as EO 1100-Revised). As you are aware, campuses are eager to receive these competencies in order to begin their deliberations related to the implementation of this new requirement. This is an important step,

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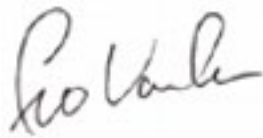
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but only the first step, in the complete implementation of the new general education Ethnic Studies requirement. Title 5 changes will be made this fall and further discussion of the draft policy will take place in keeping with the timeline. The ASCSU role in those discussions will be critical.

Finally, as has been noted before, this is the first change in general education in forty years. We look forward to working with you as we continue its implementation.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Leo Van Cleve". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "L".

Leo Van Cleve
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Liaison to the ASCSU

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