Campus Feedback on ASCSU Resolution AS-3403-20/AA Recommended Implementation of a California State University (CSU) Ethnic Studies Requirement

The Chancellor’s Office invites campus input on AS-3403-20/AA Recommended Implementation of a California State University (CSU) Ethnic Studies Requirement. Although we welcome general comments, in particular we ask for your feedback on three specific sections of the resolution: (A) the ethnic studies learning outcomes; (B) a 3-unit requirement at the lower division and an upper-division “reflective element” requirement; and (C) evaluation of courses by Ethnic Studies faculty.

Additionally, we ask three questions about potential systemwide requirements. Systemwide requirements must fit within the 120-unit limit for BA and BS degrees as well as be compatible with Associate Degrees for Transfer (SB 1440).

1. Does your campus want a **systemwide** 3-unit lower-division requirement in Ethnic Studies as described in AS-3403-20/AA? _____ Yes _____ No

2. Does your campus want a **systemwide** upper-division “reflective element” requirement in Ethnic Studies as described in AS-3403-20/AA? _____ Yes _____ No

3. Does your campus support a broader **systemwide** 3-unit Diversity/Social Justice requirement (which would include courses in ethnic studies as well as those that examine race and ethnicity, class, gender, sexuality, religion, spirituality, national origin, immigration status, ability, and/or age)? _____ Yes _____ No
Section A

Please provide your feedback on the following learning outcomes developed by the ASCSU in conjunction with the CSU Ethnic Studies Council. The language below is taken directly from Attachment A of AS-3403-20.

Each campus shall include and address the following ethnic studies student learning outcomes in the General Education curriculum. Upon completing their ethnic studies requirement, students will be able to:

1. analyze and articulate core concepts of ethnic studies, including but not limited to race and ethnicity, racialization, equity, ethno-centrism, Eurocentrism, and white supremacy;

2. apply theory to describe critical events in the histories, cultures, and intellectual traditions of communities of color with a particular emphasis on agency and self-affirmation;

3. describe the intersection of race and ethnicity with other forms of difference affected by hierarchy and oppression, such as class, gender, sexuality, religion, spirituality, national origin, immigration status, ability, and/or age;

4. describe how resistance, social justice, and liberation as experienced by communities of color are relevant to current issues (communal, national, and international); and

5. demonstrate active engagement with issues of race and ethnicity to build diverse, just, and equitable communities beyond the classroom.

Feedback:
Section B

Please provide feedback on the proposed structure of an ethnic studies requirement. The language below is taken directly from Attachment A of AS-3403-20.

A 3-unit requirement at the lower division and an upper-division “reflective element” requirement

1. The primary ethnic studies requirement is a minimum 3 semester unit course or course overlay as part of lower division GE (ethnic studies outcomes 1-5 as a requirement of lower division GE). This primary requirement will start in the 2023-24 academic year.

2. The secondary ethnic studies requirement is a reflective element (reinforcing any two of ethnic studies outcomes 2-5) in the upper-division. This secondary requirement will start in the 2027-28 academic year.

Feedback:
Section C

Please provide feedback on the proposed requirement that Ethnic Studies faculty, and subject matter experts, be included in the evaluation of courses that meet this requirement. The language below is taken directly from Resolved clause 5 of AS-3403-20.

Evaluation of courses by Ethnic Studies faculty

That the ASCSU endorse a requirement that CSU campus approval and review processes explicitly include evaluation by ethnic studies faculty and subject matter experts.

Feedback:
ASCSU Ethnic Studies Resolution Feedback Form

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General Potential Campus Impacts of an Ethnic Studies Requirement

Other Comments

Submitted by __________________________ Date ________________