

# Southwestern College Academic Senate

## Affirming Purview of Ethnic Studies Faculty Over Ethnic Studies Curriculum

Whereas, The Academic Senate for Community Colleges passed resolution number 09.07 “Defining Ethnic Studies and its Four Core Disciplines” in spring 2021 which affirms the definition of ethnic studies as “an interdisciplinary and comparative study of race, ethnicity, and culture in the United States, with specific emphasis on four historically defined racialized core groups—Native Americans, African Americans, Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders, and Latina and Latino Americans—”;

Whereas, The same resolution affirms that “ethnic studies is offered through ethnic studies departments and programs, with disciplines focusing on the four autonomous core groups as noted in resolution number 09.07, “—including Chicana/o Studies, Latina/o Studies, La Raza Studies, African American Studies, Black Studies, Africana Studies, Native American Studies, American Indian Studies, Asian American Studies, Pacific Islander Studies, Filipino American Studies, and Central American Studies —each having distinct epistemologies, theories, and methodologies that center a critical ethnic studies lens”; and

Whereas, Ethnic Studies faculty, in the newly developed History & Ethnic Studies Department (fall 2022) at SWC, have continued work to expand and develop ethnic studies curriculum and to ensure curricular alignment within the field of Ethnic Studies to strengthen, guide, and protect the academic integrity of Southwestern College’s Ethnic Studies program during its developmental stages;

Resolved, That all Southwestern College courses placed in the Ethnic Studies discipline or cross-listed with the Ethnic Studies course designator, including courses that are proposed to satisfy the CSU Area F requirement, Cal-GETC transfer curriculum, or the local ethnic studies associate degree graduation requirement, must originate and fall under the academic purview, guidance, and direction of the full-time Ethnic Studies faculty with minimum qualifications to teach in the Ethnic Studies discipline.

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