

November 11, 2020

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

**RE: November 5-6, 2020**

Dear Dr. Collins:

Thank you for forwarding the resolution adopted by the Academic Senate of the California State University (ASCSU) at its November 5-6, 2020 meeting. Once again, 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-3460-20/AA: Recommended Core Competencies for Ethnic Studies: Response to California Education Code 89032**

This resolution follows up on *AS 3438-20/AA* and represents the culmination of discussions that have taken place over the last year. The ASCSU began discussions in September, 2019 and draft competencies from Ethnic Studies Council were shared with the ASCSU in November, 2019. These were shared with campuses, modified, and approved via resolution *AS 3403-19/AA*. In September 2020 the Ethnic Studies Council shared approved competencies, followed by revised approved competencies dated October 8, 2020. After discussions among all three groups as required by AB 1460, on October 14, October 21, and November 4, 2020 the revisions have now been approved by the ASCSU in this resolution. We thank both groups for their collaboration and hard work in finalizing these competencies.

We accept these competencies and will now include them in our revisions to the policy on CSU General Education Breadth (formerly known as EO 1100-Revised). As you are aware, campuses

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Chico  
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East Bay

Fresno  
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Monterey Bay  
Northridge  
Pomona  
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San Bernardino  
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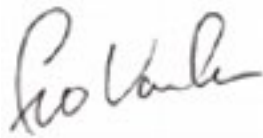
San Francisco  
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are waiting to receive these competencies in order to conclude their deliberations related to the implementation of this new requirement. This is an important step toward implementation of the Ethnic Studies requirement. Issuance of the new policy will await Title 5 changes from the CSU Board of Trustees. The ASCSU role has been critical in these discussions.

As we 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 dark ink, appearing to read "Leo Van Cleve", is positioned above the printed name and title.

Leo Van Cleve  
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Liaison to the ASCSU

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