

1 **FS 20/21-43/EX Sacramento State Ethnic Studies Resolution In Opposition to**
2 **Chancellors Proposed Implementation of AB 1460,**
3 **Acknowledgement of**
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5 The Faculty Senate acknowledges the Department of Ethnic Studies resolution in
6 opposition to Chancellors proposed implementation of AB 1460.
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12 WHEREAS, Governor Newsom signed AB 1460 into law on August 17, 2020 providing an
13 explicit Ethnic Studies requirement in the CSU, and
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15 WHEREAS, AB1460, Section 1a states that “Ethnic studies programs have come about from
16 students of color demanding them. On November 6, 1968, a coalition of student groups at San
17 Francisco State University demanded that the university institute an ethnic studies program.”
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19 WHEREAS, AB1460 Section 2b states that Ethnic Studies is a discipline with a “special focus
20 on four historically defined racialized core groups: Native Americans, African Americans, Asian
21 Americans, and Latina and Latino Americans.” and

22 WHEREAS, AB1460 Section 2b states “The California State University shall collaborate with
23 the California State University Council on Ethnic Studies [CSUCES] and the Academic Senate
24 of the California State University [ASCSU] to develop core competencies to be achieved by
25 students who complete an ethnic studies course pursuant to implementation of this section.
26 The council and the academic senate shall approve the core competencies before
27 commencement of the 2021–22 academic year.” and
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29 WHEREAS, the Academic Senate of Sacramento State is in opposition to the Chancellor’s
30 Office’s interpretation of AB1460 which proposed to the CSU Board of Trustees a new General
31 Education Area F of the Ethnic Studies and Social Justice and a simultaneous reduction of
32 Area D by 3 units; and
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34 WHEREAS, the CSU Board of Trustees approved said proposal at their July 2020 meeting.
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37 WHEREAS, On September 10, 2020, the Chancellor’s Office issued a memo requiring
38 campuses to implement the new General Education requirement, “Area F,” mandating that the
39 ethnic studies requirement be lower division; and
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41 WHEREAS, campuses are strained by contingent emergencies including, but not limited to—
42 the COVID-19 global pandemic, wildfires and other climate-based natural disasters, and
43 economic downturn effecting state allocations; and
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45 WHEREAS, campus Ethnic Studies faculty are the experts in designing and executing
46 curriculum; and
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48 WHEREAS, the CSU Chancellor's Office memo issued on September 10, 2020 specifies an
49 impossible and unconstructive timeline to ensure appropriate collaboration as required by AB-
50 1460, consultation, deliberation, and conversation among Ethnic Studies faculty on design,
51 construction, and student-centered implementation of ethnic Studies; and
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53 WHEREAS, there has not been enough time for appropriate consultation within the CSU
54 Council of Ethnic Studies on all aspects of AB 1460 and Title V changes; and
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56 WHEREAS, AB-1460 does not specify the Ethnic Studies course be a GE requirement; and
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58 WHEREAS, AB-1460 does not specify the Ethnic Studies course be an upper-division or
59 lower-division course; and
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61 WHEREAS, the Ethnic Studies faculty at Sacramento State oppose placing the requirement
62 solely in lower division and in General Education; therefore, be it
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64 RESOLVED, that the Faculty Senate of Sacramento State asks the CSU Chancellor's Office to
65 rescind their Title V July 2020 changes; and be it further
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67 RESOLVED, that the Faculty Senate of Sacramento State ask that the leadership of the
68 ASCSU and the Chancellor's Office rescind their acceptance of the Ethnic Studies core
69 competencies until the CSU Council on Ethnic Studies has met with CSU Ethnic Studies
70 Department or Program experts, to discuss, vet, and officially approve the proposed Student
71 Learning Outcomes (core competencies),
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73 RESOLVED, that students be given flexibility in meeting the Ethnic Studies requirement with
74 either lower division or upper division courses,
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76 RESOLVED, that the CSU Chancellor's Office rescind its GE plan because it does not have
77 the authority to restrict this Ethnic Studies requirement to be a GE and be subjected to GE
78 regulations,
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80 RESOLVED, that the timeline for implementation be extended to allow for effective and
81 genuine collaboration between the ASCSU and Ethnic Studies faculty as defined in AB 1460,
82 and be it further
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84 RESOLVED, that this Resolution be distributed to Chancellor Timothy P. White, Executive Vice
85 Chancellor Loren J. Blanchard, Sacramento State President Robert Nelsen, ASCSU Chair
86 Robert Keith Collins, CSU Council on Ethnic Studies, Council of Academic Senate Chairs,
87 California Faculty Association Sacramento State Chapter President, Respective Sacramento
88 State Deans and Chairs and the Department of Ethnic Studies; and be it further
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90 RESOLVED, that we recognize and extend appreciation to Ethnic Studies colleagues at CSU
91 Northridge and American Indian Studies and Ethnic Studies colleagues at CSU San Marcos for
92 the Resolution template.