

**HUMBOLDT STATE UNIVERSITY**

**Sense of the Senate Resolution on a  
Decline to Act Statement on  
Chancellor's Office changes to CSU General Education Breadth Requirements**

17-20/21-EX – January 26, 2021

**WHEREAS:** On December 4, 2020, the Academic Senate of the California State University opposed Chancellor's Office changes to CSU General Education Breadth Requirements via [AS-3462-20](#); and

**WHEREAS:** The ASCSU's resolution is consonant with the with 20 CSU campus resolutions in opposition to the Chancellor's Office Draft 1460 Implementation Proposal from November 2020; and

**WHEREAS:** On November 5, 2020, in collaboration with the HSU Ethnic Studies Council, the HSU Integrated Curriculum Committee presented alternatives to the implementation plans proposed by the Chancellor's Office which are viable and appropriate for the HSU campus and its undergraduate students and curriculum; and

**WHEREAS:** Curriculum development and implementation are the purview of the faculty and changes to the CSU General Education Breadth Requirements noted in the December 3, 2020 memorandum overrule faculty implementation plans that were developed by the CSU Ethnic Studies Council, CSU campuses, CFA and ASCSU, thereby usurping faculty purview; and

**WHEREAS:** Campus faculty are the experts in designing and executing curriculum, and Native American Studies, African American Studies, Asian American Studies, and Latina/o Studies faculty are experts in the research and teaching of Ethnic Studies; and

**WHEREAS:** At HSU and other CSU campuses, the Chancellor's Executive Order recommendations not only would require the revision of several pathways to graduation for departments and programs across the campus, but also could lead to the siloing of Ethnic Studies courses into a single GE area and the passing on of this requirement to be implemented primarily by the Community Colleges; and

**WHEREAS:** The ASCSU has counseled campuses to decline to act on the Chancellor's Office changes to the CSU General Education Breadth Requirements noted in the December 3, 2020 memorandum which supersedes Executive Order 1100-revised and to instead work with Ethnic Studies faculty and established curricular bodies to develop an implementation that works for our students and our universities, now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED:** That, on recommendation from the ASCSU, the Integrated Curriculum Committee of Humboldt State University declines to act on the Chancellor's Office changes to the CSU General Education Breadth Requirements noted in the December 3, 2020 memorandum; and be it further

**RESOLVED:** That the Integrated Curriculum Committee of Humboldt State University will move forward with implementation of AB 1460 in line with the CSU Council of Ethnic Studies and HSU Ethnic Studies Council recommendations; and be it further

**RESOLVED:** That the HSU University Senate reaffirm our request that the CSU Chancellor's Office allow each campus to determine the mechanisms by which they will implement AB 1460; and be it further

**RESOLVED:** That the Integrated Curriculum Committee of Humboldt State University supports the ASCSU Resolution AS-3462-20 and reaffirms HSU's commitment to implementation of AB 1460 that is in line with previous recommendations of the CSU Council of Ethnic Studies and HSU Ethnic Studies Council. This includes:

- A. No creation of Area F.
- B. Allowing for the Ethnic Studies requirement to be met via an overlay requirement that can be met with both lower- and upper-division courses.
- C. No 3-unit lower-division reduction in Area D.
- D. Reaffirming the CSU Ethnic Studies Council written and approved "Competencies" for Ethnic Studies courses that fulfill the requirement.
- E. Reaffirming support for approved courses for this requirement to have the following course prefixes: Ethnic Studies or Native American Studies. Courses without ethnic studies prefixes may meet this requirement if cross-listed with a course with an ethnic studies prefix through approval by department curriculum committees and the Department Chairs; and be it further

**RESOLVED:** That this resolution be distributed to Chancellor Castro, EVC Blanchard, ASCSU Chair Collins, CSU Council of Ethnic Studies Chair Monteiro, President Jackson, Provost Capps, Interim Dean Benavides-Garb, the HSU Integrated Curriculum Committee, the HSU GEAR Curriculum and Assessment Committee, the ASCSU, the HSU Council of Chairs, and the CSU Council of Academic Senate Chairs.