

**Resolution in Support of the Creation of an Ethnic Studies Department  
October 7, 2020**

- WHEREAS, There is a need to create an ethnic studies department to lead the integration of ethnic studies across the curriculum and that per Title V program development falls within the purview of the Faculty Senate; and
- WHEREAS, In our current social and political environment, ethnic studies facilitates students understandings of shared struggle, coalitions, and experiences to create a strengthened collective identity; and
- WHEREAS, Ethnic studies allows students to see themselves and their peers' stories reflected in our institution's curriculum and their role in larger society, history, and community; and
- WHEREAS, Ethnic Studies is interdisciplinary in nature, comparative, and intersectional it will be a unique department from the Chicax Studies department; and
- RESOLVED, The Faculty Senate of Ohlone College will form a task force of faculty to work with the college administration to create an Ethnic Studies department in the fall of 2020, so the courses will be available to students for the Fall 2021 semester; and
- RESOLVED, The Faculty Senate supports prioritizing the hiring of at least one additional full-time tenure-track faculty member to support Ethnic Studies at Ohlone College during the next faculty prioritization process.