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 Chicanx 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.