

**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 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 curricula and acknowledged for their role in larger society, history, and community; and

WHEREAS, As Ethnic Studies is interdisciplinary in nature, comparative and intersectional, it will be a unique department from the Chicana 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, To support Ethnic Studies at Ohlone College, the Faculty Senate endorses the submission of a proposal for a full-time tenure-track faculty member in Ethnic Studies during the next faculty prioritization process;

RESOLVED, That the Faculty Senate for Ohlone Community College work with the Curriculum and General Education Committees through existing processes and recommend the inclusion of an ethnic studies general education requirement as required in the California Code of Regulations, Title 5 §55063 in Ohlone College's General Education (Plan A).