

Executive Committee Agenda Item

SUBJECT: Title 5 §55063 Ethnic Studies Requirement		Month: September	Year: 2020
		Item No: IV. H.	
		Attachment: No	
DESIRED OUTCOME:	The Executive Committee will consider a recommendation for a modification to the Ethnic Studies requirement in Title 5 §55063.	Urgent: No	
		Time Requested: 30 mins.	
CATEGORY:	Action Items	TYPE OF BOARD CONSIDERATION:	
REQUESTED BY:	Virginia May/Carrie Roberson	Consent/Routine	
		First Reading	
STAFF REVIEW ¹ :	April Lonero	Action	X
		Information	

Please note: Staff will complete the grey areas.

BACKGROUND:

The ASCCC has fully embraced the vital role that ethnic studies curriculum plays in all levels of education; Title 5 §55063(b)(2) requires that “ethnic studies will be offered in at least one of the areas required by subdivision (1) [which outlines associate degree general education requirements],” and many colleges have a separate ethnic studies graduation requirement;

The Legislative and Advocacy Committee and Curriculum Committee Chairs were directed to explore some possible language changes and bring to the Executive Committee for discussion and consideration.

In response to the ASCCC’s and the CCCCCO’s Call for Action, the Legislative and Advocacy Committee and the Curriculum Committee support recommending a change to Title 5 §55063. Recommended changes are intended to bolster the current Ethnic Studies requirement, making it stronger and more inclusive to support the educational needs of the diverse student body in the California Community College system. Similar to the associate degree requirements in English, mathematics, and reading, students could be required to complete a course or equivalent, determined locally, and such courses may be offered in or on behalf of other departments or disciplines:

Sample language for consideration:

(2) Ethnic studies are an interdisciplinary and comparative study of race and ethnicity with special focus on four historically defined racialized core groups: Native Americans, African Americans, Asian Americans, and Latina and Latino Americans. Ethnic Studies will be offered in at least one of the areas required by subdivision (1). Students earning the associate degree are required to complete an Ethnic

¹ Staff will review your item and provide additional resources to inform the Executive Committee discussion.

Studies course or equivalent, determined locally. Courses fulfilling the Ethnic Studies requirement may be taught in or on behalf of other departments and disciplines.