

**Support Doc – Area Six Curriculum Discussion for New CAL-GETC Pattern
Discussion Topic (1st time) 16 October 2024**

**Discussion Item #1 What Shall Be the Academic Senate Recommendation
for Area 6 Curriculum in the New CAL-GETC Pattern?**

Agenda Overview/Summary on Possible Actions

- **1st Choice of Action (Ethnic Studies Department Recommendation as of 10/10/24):** Follow the intent of Cal-GETC Area 6 Ethnic Studies and only allow courses that have been approved at the CSU/UC level Ethnic Studies [ES] in autonomous disciplines within Ethnic Studies (ES).
- **2nd Choice of Action (Revised Recommendation from Curriculum Office based on Previous Senate Discussion):** Allow only courses approved at the State level for Cal-GETC Area 6 to be a part of our local Area 6 curriculum, and utilize the support of the local CRC processes, systems, and [bylaws \(see also page 7, Article VII, Section B\)](#) to enable the expansion of Area 6 (locally and Cal-GETC) while also maintaining the essential elements of the Ethnic Studies curriculum.
- **Other Choice(s) of Action:** as yet undetermined course of action – not recommended.

Additional Detail / Information on Options

1st Choice of Action (Ethnic Studies Department Recommendation as of 10/11/24): Follow the intent of Cal-GETC Area 6 Ethnic Studies and only allow courses that have been approved at the CSU/UC level Ethnic Studies [ES] in autonomous disciplines within Ethnic Studies (ES):

- Black Studies/African American Studies/Africana Studies
 - Native American Studies/Chicano/a/x
 - Latino/a/x Studies/La Raza Studies
 - Asian American Studies
 - and related areas of study
- This is the recommendation of our Ethnic Studies Department as updated on 11 October 2024 who are in the process of hiring two new associate faculty members who will help address the current needs of the department in delivering courses and serving students. Jason Seals, Department Chair, also shares this request with the Academic Senate: *“We would like the opportunity to take more time to hire these new associate faculty members and develop new courses before expanding course offerings beyond Ethnic Studies. We are working diligently to grow our department and create new courses that will better serve our students, and we seek the continued support of the institution and our colleagues during this development process. If expanding course offerings must happen, we would support doing so in a year, allowing us sufficient time to prepare.”*

2nd Choice of Action (Revised Recommendation from Curriculum Office based on Previous Senate

Discussion): Allow only courses approved at the State level for Cal-GETC Area 6 to be a part of our local Area 6 curriculum, and utilize the support of the local CRC processes, systems, and [bylaws \(see also page 7, Article VII, Section B\)](#) to...

- ...carefully examine active course offerings already or nearly meeting the essential criteria of Ethnic Studies (ES)...
 - ...support non-ES disciplines in their collaboration with ES faculty – and vice versa – WITHOUT increasing the workload or burden on ES faculty...
 - ...submit those courses meeting ES essential elements at the State level for Cal-GETC approval...
 - ...and cross list locally as necessary to reflect ES and related discipline meeting essential ES criteria...
 - ...which would both enable the expansion of Area 6 (locally and Cal-GETC) while also maintaining the essential elements of the Ethnic Studies curriculum.
- Recommendation was made in follow up to Senate discussion during first review of info item (09/04/24)
 - Recommendation was shared with the Ethnic Studies Department from the Curriculum Office as facilitated by the Academic Senate President.
 - Official response from Ethnic Studies Department represented in 1st Choice of Action provided above.

Other Choice(s) of Action: as yet undetermined actions for proceeding – not recommended at this time.

Previously presented to the Academic Senate as an Information Item (4 September 2024)

- [Area 6 Ethnic Studies Considerations – Formal Department Recommendations](#)
- [Cal-GETC Standards Version 1.0](#)