

Temporary Placement of the New Ethnic Studies Department in Academic Senate Area 5

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The Fall 2022 semester marks the inaugural semester of SRJC's new Ethnic Studies department. In order to ensure that this new department is included in the designated academic areas of the [Senate Bylaws](#) and have representation from the Academic Senate, we propose to temporarily place the department in Area 5 for the fall 2022 semester, or until the Academic Senate discusses the long-term assignment of this department to an area and is adopted by the Senate, whichever comes first.

This proposal is made following consultation with the Ethnic Studies department chair, who requested the temporary assignment of this department to Area 5.

The need to make a *temporary* assignment of this department to an area is driven by the Academic Senate Bylaws, which identify currently designated academic areas in Article 8, Section 4, but currently does not include Ethnic Studies. Article IX, Section 1 of the Bylaws states that "Changes or additions to the Bylaws will be considered by the Senate at two meetings as close together as possible. Bylaws changes may be adopted by the Senate at the second meeting by a two-thirds vote."