

**ACADEMIC SENATE
OF
THE CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY**

AS-3439-20/FGA
September 17-18, 2020

**REQUEST FOR FUNDING THE IMPLEMENTATION OF AB 1460
(CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY: GRADUATION REQUIREMENT: ETHNIC STUDIES)**

- RESOLVED:** That the Academic Senate CSU (ASCSU) affirm that the adoption of AB-1460 California State University: Graduation Requirement: Ethnic Studies came without attached funding, at a time when State funding to public higher education institutions in California is being reduced due to unforeseen events such as the COVID-19 pandemic; and be it further
- RESOLVED:** That, given the adoption of AB-1460, the ASCSU request that the State of California provide the CSU with the funds needed to implement the provisions of AB-1460; and be it further
- RESOLVED:** That the ASCSU collaborate with the CSU Board of Trustees, CSU Chancellor's Office, California Faculty Association, California State Students' Association and others to advocate for, and urge, the Governor and Legislature to fully fund the implementation and evaluation of AB-1460 without redirecting funds from other CSU needs; and be it further
- RESOLVED:** That the ASCSU distribute this resolution to the Governor of California Gavin Newsom, California Assembly Speaker Rendon, Assemblymember Weber, Assemblymember Medina, Assemblymember Gloria, California Senate President pro Tempore Atkins, California Senator Grove, CSU Board of Trustees, CSU Chancellor, CSU campus Presidents, CSU campus Senate Chairs, CSU Provosts/Vice Presidents for Academic Affairs, The California Faculty Association (CFA), California State Student Association (CSSA), CSU Emeritus and Retired Faculty and Staff Association (CSU-ERFSA), Academic Senate for the California Community Colleges, and the Academic Senate of the University of California.

***RATIONALE:** The adoption of AB 1460 (Weber), a legislation that imposes a minimum 3-unit graduation requirement in Ethnic Studies on all CSU students, represents an unfunded mandate that, according to the Department of Finance and Senate Appropriation Staff analyses, is likely to cost the CSU approximately \$18 million a year. This added expense comes at a time when the Governor's 2020-2021*

budget proposal has reduced CSU by 1.9% compared to last year, with more cuts to come in the near future due to the continuing COVID-19 pandemic.

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