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Resolution Endorsing The Final Report of the Working Committee

On Multicultural Perspectives in the Curriculum

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At its meeting of May 19, 1992, the Academic Senate approved the following resolution endorsing the final report of the Working Committee on Multicultural Perspectives in the Curriculum:

WHEREAS The report issued by the University Commission on Human Relations included the recommendation that the University consider ways of "strengthening its curriculum with the goal of enhancing mutual understanding, reducing intolerance and discrimination, and strengthening students' knowledge and appreciation of the cultural history, cultural identity, cultural contributions, and social conditions of other groups"; and

WHEREAS The Academic Senate, in May 1991, passed a resolution (RS91-93) calling for the formation of a working group on multicultural perspectives in the curriculum; and

WHEREAS The Senate charged the group, known as the Working Committee on Multicultural Perspectives in the Curriculum (WC/MPC), with 1) "developing for Senate approval and Presidential concurrence a position statement which affirms the importance of providing a multicultural curriculum and the role of the School of Ethnic Studies in this endeavor and which is consistent with community needs and those of the State Master Plan" and 2) "presenting a plan of action for enhancing multicultural education in accordance with the position statement"; and

WHEREAS The WC/MPC addressed difficult and sensitive issues and achieved consensus on the recommendations contained in their final report; therefore be it

RESOLVED That the Academic Senate commend the WC/MPC for their precedent-setting efforts which epitomized the collegial process; and be it further

RESOLVED That the Academic Senate endorse the final report of the WC/MPC and thereby adopt the position statement, the statement of the role of the School of Ethnic Studies, and the plan of action for implementing the position statement; and be it further

RESOLVED That the Academic Senate charge the Executive Committee with seeking the concurrence of the President regarding the position statement, thus establishing it as official University policy; and be it further

RESOLVED That the Academic Senate charge the Executive Committee with initiating implementation of the plan of action; and be it further

RESOLVED That this resolution be forwarded to the Chair of the Academic Senate, CSU and to the chairs of the CSU campus Academic Senates.