



# Associated Students

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**Whereas:** Associated Students should recognize, implement, and protect Pacific Islander Studies with the same privileges granted to other fields of study, that are cross-listed as Gender and Ethnic Studies as stated in previously passed Resolution #3 Creation of a Gender and Ethnic Studies section in the Schedule of classes, Resolution #4 Implement more Gender and Ethnic Studies classes, Resolution #5 Creation of a Gender and Ethnic Studies Department, and Resolution #6 Require students to successfully complete a course in Gender and Ethnic Studies in order to graduate; and

**Whereas:** Pacific Islanders make up a significant population as students and faculty at Mt. SAC. This is evident in the fact that there is a program called, ARISE, that caters to the needs of Asian and Pacific Islander students. The ARISE program is funded by the Asian American and Native American Pacific Islander-Serving Institutions (AANAPISI) federal grant. The five-year grant provides assisted funding to AANAPI sponsored colleges to enable such institutions to improve and expand their capacity to serve Asian Americans and Native American Pacific Islanders. Unfortunately, ARISE has to apply for the AANAPISI grant every 5 years, with no guarantee of renewal nor, after two cycles, future grant availability. Associated Students should assist Mt. SAC's Pacific Islander community by giving them the opportunity to study education relevant to the diversity of the Mt. SAC P.I. student population. The proposed curriculum would be protected and given the same privileges as other classes that are cross-listed under the Gender and Ethnic Studies resolutions. Eventually, the Pacific Islander studies curriculum will be incorporated under the umbrella of the Gender and Ethnic Studies Department; and

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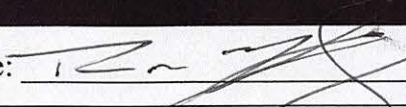
By addressing the history and culture of its Pacific Islander students, Associated Students will reaffirm its commitment to representing the diverse student population within Mt. SAC that is representative of the greater community at large. This will encourage more Pacific Islander families to send their children to Mt. SAC. As more students enroll, Associated Students will receive more funding through the student activities fee and be better able to push their agenda. Moreover, by recognizing the needs of minority communities like Pacific Islanders, Associated Students will set a bold example for other community colleges across the California; and

**Whereas:**

Mt. San Antonio College holds a unique place among the Pacific Islander community across the country. While the athletics program is attractive to many Pacific Islanders, they have the potential to positively impact their communities beyond the football field. Incorporating a Pacific Islander curriculum under the protection of the previously passed Gender and Ethnic Studies resolutions would fulfill Mt. SAC's commitment to provide a supportive learning environment, address the needs of its Pacific Islander students, and better position all of its students to succeed in an increasingly diverse environment. Mt. SAC is always looking for ways to grow its community, and Pacific Islander Studies would help Mt. SAC cultivate a healthy community founded on education, respect, and appreciation for the diverse cultures within its student body; and

**Therefore:**

Be it resolved, that the A.S. Senate, the A.S. Executive Board, and the A.S. President approve the Recognition, Implementation, and Protection of Pacific Islander Studies by the previously approved Gender and Ethnic Studies Resolutions.

<b>A.S. Senate</b>			
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<b>A.S. President</b>			
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