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Subject: **Creating a Gender and Ethnic Studies Department**

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Whereas: Creating a Gender and Ethnic Studies Department will offer students an understanding and acceptance of the variety of cultures throughout the world, as well as their own. Connecting the 46 classes that fall under Gender and Ethnic studies that Mt. SAC offers into a single department will make it more accessible for students to take such course.

Whereas: Such a department would be beneficial to the Mt. SAC community by ensuring students knowledge on critical and systematic experiences of different gender, racial, and ethnic groups. Individual and collective courses in Gender and Ethnic studies would forge a strong scholarly intellectual connection between the fields of Native Americans, African American, Chican@/ Latin@, Asian American Studies, Women's Studies, and the LGBTQ community; groups that have been historically economically, educationally, and politically disadvantaged. Through Gender and Ethnic Studies, Mt. SAC students will become socially aware of the problems within each community leading future leaders at Mt. SAC to combat the inequality.

Whereas: The creation of a Gender and Ethnic Studies department will address the creation of needed and relevant certificates/majors while creating pathways for students to start their transfer work at Mt. SAC. The completed coursework will be applied to 4-year institutions offering bachelor degrees in the same field of study.

Whereas: Creating a Gender and Ethnic Studies department will provide support for increased offerings of gender and ethnic study courses throughout the academic year. Currently, courses are offered sporadically, and some terms, not at all.

Therefore: Be it resolved, that the A.S. Senate, the A.S. Executive Board, and the A.S. President approve the development of a Gender and Ethnic Studies Department.

A.S. Senate				
For: _____	Against: _____	Abstain: _____	Date: _____	4/5/16
A.S. Executive Board				
For: <u>5</u>	Against: <u>0</u>	Abstain: <u>0</u>	Date: _____	4/5/16

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