

TITLE OF RESOLUTION: Resolution of support for *Race/Ethnic Studies Course requirement Implementation*

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THE ASSOCIATED STUDENTS OF PORTLAND STATE UNIVERSITY (ASPSU) RESOLVE TO SUPPORT THE DEVELOPMENT AND IMPLEMENTATION OF RACE/ETHNIC STUDIES INTO REQUIRED CURRICULUM, AND ADVOCATES FOR FACULTY TO COLLABORATIVELY ESTABLISH A COMPREHENSIVE TIMELINE OF ACTION IN ACCORDANCE WITH PSU EFFORTS TO ADDRESS WHITE SUPREMACY.

Preface:

The PSU faculty Senate is proposing a two course campus-wide Race and Ethnic Studies Requirement (RESR) for Portland State University undergraduates. This proposal was drafted by members of SGRN. All undergraduate students would be required to complete 8 credits of in-depth course work focused on race, ethnicity, and systemic oppression (a total of 2, 4-credit hour courses). Of the two (2) 4-credit hour courses being considered, one course will focus on the U.S. experience, and the other course will center on the international experiences of groups under European and U.S. *colonialism* and *imperialism*.

WHEREAS it is a responsibility of Portland State University (and its constituents) to conduct itself in a manner that recognizes the lives and experiences of BIPOC communities, the significance of racial and ethnic oppression, and actively works to decentralize European, White, and Western centric curriculum.

WHEREAS Portland State University and ASPSU recognizes the commitment to critically evaluate the foundation of its own education system, and appropriately implement the corresponding measures to address issues of systemic and systematic inequality.

WHEREAS Portland State University and ASPSU is committed to reimagining the course structure and curriculum to ingrain antiracism and culturally responsive pedagogy at its roots.

NOW, THEREFORE IT BE RESOLVED as follows:

That we resolve to stand in support of the initially proposed SGRN faculty Senate proposal to create a Race and Ethnicities Studies Requirement:

1. That Portland State University shall make AT LEAST two (2) Race/Ethnic Studies courses (a total of at least 8 credit hours) a requirement to graduate.

(i) Courses are co-approved from a committee facilitated and led by the school of Gender, Race, and Nations as well as evaluated by the appropriate planning committees

(ii) Student and university evaluations are both considered and developed, in tandem with current structural implementation timelines proposed by the Faculty Senate

(iii) Previous recommendations and evaluations for RESR are compiled and organized into a comprehensive list to bridge the gap of past initiatives and current actions.

(v) Collaborative measures are taken in current/upcoming projects to support the growth, development, and sustainability of course implementation in the long-term.

Approved on: 03/10/2021 by the ASPSU Multicultural Committee

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