



DATE: October 6, 2020
FROM: Talia Bettcher, Chair, Academic Senate
TO: William Covino, President
CC:
SUBJECT: **Emergency Expansion of Senate representation**

The attached recommendation was approved by the Academic Senate at its meeting of October 6, 2020 and is being forwarded for your approval.

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Attachment

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President

DATE: _____



DATE: October 1, 2020
TO: Academic Senate
FROM: Academic Senate Executive Committee
SUBJECT: Emergency Expansion of Senate Representation

Proposal: Add five additional voting members to the Academic Senate and its committees for the 2020/2021 academic year as follows:

- Academic Senate: Two tenure-track or tenured faculty members from the College of Ethnic Studies to be elected by tenure-track/tenured faculty members in the College of Ethnic Studies
- Academic Senate: One lecturer from the College of Ethnic Studies to be elected by lecturers in the College of Ethnic Studies
- Educational Policy Committee (EPC): One tenure-track or tenured faculty member from the College of Ethnic Studies to be elected by tenure-track/tenured faculty members in the College of Ethnic Studies
- General Education Subcommittee (GES): One tenure-track or tenured faculty member from the College of Ethnic Studies to be elected by tenure-track/tenured faculty members in the College of Ethnic Studies

Rationale: The Constitution of Faculty at California State University, Los Angeles provides for a minimum of two tenure-track or tenured faculty members and one lecturer faculty member from each academic college to serve on the Academic Senate. Policies in the Faculty Handbook also provide for at least one tenure-track or tenured faculty member from each college to serve on each standing committee and subcommittee of the Academic Senate. This now includes the newly formed College of Ethnic Studies. However, the Constitution stipulates that apportionment and elections for the Academic Senate occur in the Spring of the prior academic year, and elections for standing committees and subcommittees also occur in the Spring of the prior academic year. Because the College of Ethnic Studies had not yet been formed in Spring 2020, elections could not occur. Consequently, the Executive Committee of the Academic Senate and the Acting Dean of the College of Ethnic Studies agreed that College representation on the Academic Senate and its standing committees and subcommittees would be delayed until the 2021/2022 academic year, with elections taking place in Spring 2021.

Because AB 1460 was signed into law last month, the Academic Senate, the Educational Policy Committee, and the General Education Subcommittee will all be involved in policy modifications in the 2020/2021 academic year that directly impact the College of Ethnic Studies. The policy modifications that will be considered not only impact the College of Ethnic Studies, but would greatly benefit from the expertise of the faculty in that college. Therefore it is critical that the College of Ethnic Studies be represented on those committees that will be working on policy modifications resulting from AB 1460. Given the number of faculty in the College of Ethnic Studies, representation on these committees would consist of two tenure-track/tenured faculty members and one lecturer faculty member on the Academic Senate, one tenure-track/tenured faculty member on the Educational Policy Committee, and one tenure-track/tenured faculty member on the General Education Subcommittee.