



**Resolution: 19.3.1 (CSU GETF Recommendations - American Institutions Courses):** Crocitti/Velez

1st Reading: March 18, 2019

Mover: Inna Kanevsky

Seconded: Johnathan McLeod

**Whereas:** The General Education Task Force (GETF) created by the CSU Academic Senate, which was charged with streamlining the general education requirements, did not allow public input and did not include a single faculty member from History, Political Science, Women’s Studies, or Ethnic Studies;

**Whereas:** Title 5 of the California Code of Regulations §40404, paragraph (a) states, “The purpose of the following requirements is to ensure that students acquire knowledge and skills that will help them to comprehend the workings of American democracy and of the society in which they live to enable them to contribute to that society as responsible and constructive citizens. To this end each campus shall provide for comprehensive study of American history and American government including the historical development of American institutions and ideals, the Constitution of the United States and the operation of representative democratic government under that Constitution, and the processes of state and local government. To qualify for graduation each student shall demonstrate competence by completing courses in the foregoing fields or by passing comprehensive examinations in those fields...”

**Whereas:** The GETF’s *General Education Task Force Report* (2019) proposes a fifty-percent reduction in the American Institutions requirement down to a single three-unit course;

**Whereas:** History, Political Science, Women’s Studies, and Ethnic Studies faculty at both the California State University and California Community Colleges agree that a minimum of two three-unit courses is required to satisfy the Title 5 mandate, commonly known as American Institutions;

**Resolved:** That the Mesa College Academic Senate ask the Academic Senate for California Community Colleges to urge the CSU Chancellor to delay implementation of the GETF’s proposed changes to the American Institution requirement until a full public discussion of the proposal occurs that includes CSU and CCC faculty members from History, Political Science, Women’s Studies, and Ethnic Studies;

**Resolved:** That the Mesa College Academic Senate ask the Academic Senate for California Community Colleges to urge the CSU Academic Senate to oppose the GETF’s proposed changes to the American Institution requirement;

**Resolved:** That the Mesa College Academic Senate ask the Academic Senate for California Community Colleges to urge the Governor and the California State Legislature to oppose the GETF’s proposed changes to the American Institution requirement.

Presented to the Academic Senate: March 18, 2019

Approved the Academic Senate: March 18, 2019

**The unanimous approval votes are delineated as follows:**

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