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MEMORANDUM

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FROM: Corey Benbow, Student Body President *(B)*

SUBJECT: S.R. 04 A Resolution to Expand Multicultural Competencies
Amongst General Education Classes

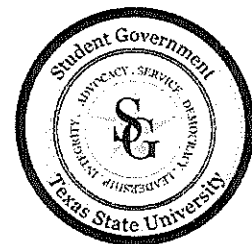
I approve of this legislation passed by the Student Government Senate
which is to the include multicultural studies and diversity curriculum
in General Education Core Classes.



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A Resolution

A Resolution to be entitled "A Resolution to Expand Multicultural Competencies Amongst General Education Classes," relating to the inclusion of multicultural studies and diversity curriculum in General Education Core Classes.

WHEREAS: The Student Government of Texas State University, on behalf of the student body of Texas State University, would like to address the lack of diversity curriculum within General Education Courses; and

WHEREAS: Students must currently choose from a small selection of General Education Courses that are eligible for the Multicultural Course attribute; and

WHEREAS: This is a result of the lack of faculty's will to establish courses that include multicultural content due to a lack of University Administration's support in doing so; and

WHEREAS: Current University Administration do not hire Faculty of Color, Researchers in Diversity regarding independent fields; and

WHEREAS: Faculty of Color are utilized as experts and sole representative of people of color limiting their time to general classes and serving on departmental or university committees; and

WHEREAS: There is no current motivation or incentives to include multicultural competencies in general education course; and

WHEREAS: The Provost can be a source of incentives of monetary or academic value to reform the current inclusion of multicultural curriculum in general education courses; and

WHEREAS: The General Education Council is the council that contains purview over the addition and revision of General Education Courses at Texas State University and complies with the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board; therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED: That the Student Government of Texas State University affirms the student bodies need for Texas State University General Education Council to establish a guideline for General Education Classes to include Multicultural Competencies; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: The Student Government of Texas State University calls upon the General Education Council to establish a subcommittee that shall establish and create a guideline for General Education Classes to include multicultural content to be implemented no later than the academic year of 2021; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: The Student Government of Texas State University calls upon the General Education Council to ask that faculty submitting a course for General Education classification to

explain how said class will achieve multicultural competencies;
and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: That the goals of incorporating these multicultural requirements should be as follows: Educating the students about the importance of multiculturalism, enhancing cultural literacy and understanding of other cultures, and fostering critical thinking and intellectual inquiry about different cultural mindsets and worldviews to facilitate intercultural dialogue in pursuit of universal truth; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: That the University Administration to include:
The Deans of every college, the Chairs of every Department at Texas State University review necessary curriculum to develop the multicultural competencies; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: That the Student Government of Texas State University calls upon the Provost to create a fund to provide awards to departments whose efforts in attaining the attributes of a Multicultural Course exceed other departments; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: That the Registrar's office of Texas State University edit the current registration system to add Multicultural Course under the attribute drop down menu of advance search; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: That the Student Government of Texas State University Recognize Departments or Instructors they believe

are doing their best in the efforts to provide a more inclusive and multicultural learning environment; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: This legislation be forwarded to the Provost, Chair of the General Education Council, the Registrar's Office, and the Student Body President for further action.