

Associated Students of the University of California, Merced

Resolution #05

Support for a Women and Gender Studies Minor

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Background: It has been less than 100 years since women have gained the right to vote and the struggle for equality is still being fought. The Chancellor's Advisory Committee on the Status of Women (CACSW) is charged with identifying issues of concern to female faculty, students, and staff at UC Merced. CACSW works to advise the Chancellor about current policies, procedures, and programs that affect such issues and recommend any changes necessary to afford women fair and equal access to programs, activities and opportunities. Women's Programs at UC Merced also works to shine a light on gender inequality and how it affects women in America and globally as well. Events such as Ice Cream for Equality and Fab Feminism week have shown great success and it is important that we continue the momentum of these efforts with a Women and Gender Studies Minor.

Purpose: To create a minor in the Social Science and Humanities Department of UC Merced that will focus on the issues of Women and Gender Studies.

- 1 Whereas: This minor will empower all students with the knowledge of issues women have faced throughout history, issues women face today and how this affects society; and,
- 2 Whereas: This minor will explore ideas about gender in relation to race, class, ability, ethnicity, sexuality, nation and culture in a transnational framework; and
- 3 Whereas: Students will learn to engage in dialogue about issues of interest; and,
- 4 Whereas: The Chancellor's Advisory Committee on the Status of Women is currently working with staff faculty and students to create this minor; and,
- 5 Whereas: The Chancellor's Advisory Committee on the Status of Women has identified that a Women and Gender Studies Minor is more inclusive for all students, faculty and staff who are pursuing education in issues relating to women, gender, and sexuality both locally and globally; and,
- 6 Whereas: The Preamble to the ASUCM Constitution states that one of the purposes of ASUCM is: "... to encourage effective student participation by providing services and coordinating activities; to support, promote and celebrate the diversity of culture, lifestyle, and beliefs for the breadth of ideas and perspectives they bring..."; and,

- 7 Whereas: The Preamble to the ASUCM Constitution also states that one of the purposes of ASUCM is: "... to advance the development of leaders that will serve and make a difference in the present and future; and to promote the general educational welfare and enhancement of the academic benefits and opportunities offered for the continued success of the students of the University of California, Merced."; and,
- 8 Whereas: The Women's Programs at UC Merced organization hosts many successful events that students have been very interested in; therefore,

Be it enacted: That ASUCM support the creation of a Women and Gender Studies Minor here at UC Merced.

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Submitted Senate Committee(s):

Date Settled: 4-24-13

Budget and Finance

Student Advocacy

Student Activities

Academic Affairs

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Other _____

Comments/Recommendations:

Senate Action:

Approved

Not Approved

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Baltazar Cornejo, Internal Vice President

President Action:

Approved

Not Approved

President's Signature: _____ Date: April 25th, 2013



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