December 18, 2014

To: Jose Wudka, Chair  
Riverside Division of the Academic Senate

From: Zhenbiao Yang, Chair  
Committee on Diversity & Equal Opportunity

Re: Student Proposal for Gender Studies Breadth Requirement

At its meeting on December 10, 2014, the Committee on Diversity and Equal Opportunity discussed the Student Proposal for Gender Studies Breadth Requirement. While the committee agrees with the idea of the policy’s intent to educate students on gender inequality and gender-related violence, it does not feel the implementation of this requirement should limit a student’s current course offerings nor should it be required at the expense of an ethnic studies course.

In addition, the extensive list of course offerings as proposed are not relevant in fulfilling the requirements towards gender studies. The committee suggests the list be fleshed out and reduced to include only relevant courses that may satisfy both Ethnic and Gender Studies requirements.