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April 21, 1987

Dear Members of the UCSD Academic Community,

The Associated Students Council of UCSD recently passed the enclosed resolution on Asian-American Studies. This resolution calls for the creation of one additional FTE to be used for the sole purpose of teaching courses addressing the cultural and historical background shared by Americans of Asian ethnicity.

This resolution leaves the specifics for creating coursework in this area of study at your discretion. Our main goal for passing this resolution is to reaffirm the importance of meeting the needs of the diverse student population which UCSD enjoys as well as promote a greater understanding of the heritage possessed by groups in the community.

Historically, few courses on this campus have solely addressed the issues of Asian-American culture. Those courses which have been offered were scheduled inconsistently from year to year and lacked departmental identity. We would like to see Asian-American studies become an integral part of the curriculum of an existing department to serve the needs of students interested in Asian-American culture as well as introduce this topic to students affiliated with that department.

Please give consideration to this statement by the students for future FTE allocations and curriculum development. If you have any questions, you may contact me at ext.44450 and I will be more than happy to talk with you.

Thank you very much for your time.

Sincerely,

Greg Hom Vice President Administrative UCSD Associated Students

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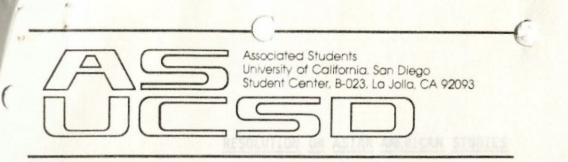
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## RESOLUTION ON ASIAN AMERICAN STUDIES

## Submitted by: Greg Hom, Vice President Administrative

- WHEREAS, California is increasingly a multiethnic state whose citizens represent a rich array of backgrounds, and
- WHEREAS, By the turn of the century, an increasing number of California's population will be of Asian descent, and
- WHEREAS, Asian Americans have made vast contributions to the development of California and the Nation, and
- WHEREAS, Asian Americans have a unique cultural and social background unknown to many students, and
- WHEREAS, Racial conflicts have taken forms of prejudice and oppression and have historically stemmed from misunderstandings and from a lack of knowledge of those of Asian descent, and

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- WHEREAS, These misunderstandings tend to promote existing misconceptions and stereotyped characterizations of Asian Americans, which in turn, lead to future patterns of discrimination, and
- WHEREAS, Asian American Studies courses serve to cultivate an understanding of, and an appreciation for, these people, their contributions, their cultures, and their aspirations, and
- WHEREAS, There is an interest by San Diego communities for the existence of Asian American Studies on campus, and
- WHEREAS, There is an existing pool of knowledge to draw upon for research, and
- WHEREAS, There is an interest in having such research done by students and faculty members, and
- WHEREAS The study of Asian Americans is distinctly different from current offerings in Chinese, Japanese, and Asian Studies at UCSD, and
- WHEREAS That difference requires a separate study of domestic Asian Americans that the current status of foreign Asian Studies, and
- WHEREAS, Every other campus in the UC system has at least one FTE set aside for the sole purpose of teaching Asian American courses,

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THEREFORE LET IT BE RESOLVED, that a full FTE be set aside for the sole purpose of teaching Asian American Studies courses which will examine the cultural and historical experiences of Asian Americans, and

that this FTE be initially committed over a LET IT FURTHER BE RESOLVED, three year period, beginning with the academic year 1987-88. The continuance fo the course offerings beyond the initial phase will depend in part on the quality of the courses, students' interest and community support, and

LET IT FURTHER BE RESOLVED, that students be given a participating role in the research and curriculum development process.

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