



Resolution: Support for Women's Studies Department

Resolution 2019-02

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Whereas, Associated Students, Inc. of the California State University San Marcos (CSUSM) Board of Directors is the official governing body of the students of CSUSM;
and,

Whereas, Associated Students, Inc. of California State University San Marcos is the primary advocate for students
and,

Whereas, California State University San Marcos is dedicated to providing services designed to create and enhance a learning-focused campus environment;
and,

Whereas, Associated Students Inc, of California State University San Marcos mission to serve, engage, and empower students;
and,

Whereas, Associated Students Inc, of California State University San Marcos' responsibility is to inform CSUSM students about issues that affect our student population
and,

Whereas, In Spring of 2019 California State University San Marcos is now 1 of 3 CSU's that offer Women Studies as a major
and,

Whereas, Associated Students Inc, of California State University San Marcos has a goal to be transparent to the students whom we represent
and,

Whereas, The name change from Women's Studies to Women's Gender and Sexuality Studies was not made transparent to the students in the Women Studies Department, in no form of proper communication or discussion
and,

Whereas, The program name change from Women’s Studies to Women’s Gender and Sexuality studies, was accepted and communicated to students and the campus community on the grounds of no curriculum changes would happen within the department, in correlation to the name change ¹

and,

Whereas, The Women’s Studies degree learning outcomes clearly states, under section 6, “Fully explores the diversity in women’s experiences, past and present, using the concept of gender to identify progress and problems, and thereby problematizes our understandings of those experiences;”

and,

Whereas, The newly revised student learning outcomes of the new Women’s Gender and Sexuality studies program, has changed. Excluding the statement “3. Recognize and explain women’s role in and contributions to the economy, politics, the arts, culture, and society in the United States and around the world.”

and,

Whereas, Associated Students, Inc. of California State University San Marcos recognizes the removal of a student learning outcome, implicating in the change of curriculum within the department and program

and,

Whereas, Courses that focus on women of color’s experiences, racial identity or ethnicity, are taught ‘intermittently’, irregularly or not at all in a 4 year time frame, defining a shift in material, educational pathways, and curriculum

and,

Whereas, Associated Students, Inc. of California State University San Marcos recognizes that implicit bias in the change of the name Women’s Studies to Women’s Gender and Sexuality Studies

and,

Whereas, This implicit bias is to teach specific curriculum, while leaving other courses out, in the advancement of the change of the department name and program proposal²

¹ https://www.csusm.edu/academic_programs/catalogcurricula/documents/2017-18_curriculum/chabss/wmst_pslo_revised-5-16-18.pdf

² <https://www.csusm.edu/wgss/acdprgs/index.html>



Whereas, CSUSM CULTURE is Working Together: “Intellectual engagement, community, integrity, innovation, and inclusiveness are CSUSM’s core values and the foundation for our unique culture. We share an overarching commitment to student success and meeting the needs of the communities we serve. Our culture reflects the institution’s growth and development over time (our history), creates the environment in which we do our daily work (our present), and helps shape the direction of the University (our future).”

and,

Whereas, Of Spring 2018 61% (**7,704**) of the California State University San Marcos student population identified as women³

and,

Whereas, We as Associated Students Inc, of California State University San Marcos understand the students and communities that we serve and represent are in populus are 61% women or women identified

and,

Whereas, California State University San Marcos’ sister institution San Diego State University was the first campus to implement Women Studies as a discipline in Spring 1970⁴

and,

Whereas, California State University San Marcos has offered Women Studies as a major program since 1993⁵

and,

Whereas, The discipline of Women’s Studies on the California State University San Marcos Campus has had 26 years of possible building in knowledge production and academic advancements

and,

³ <https://news.csusm.edu/fast-facts>

⁴ <https://womensstudies.sdsu.edu/history.htm>

⁵ <https://www.csusm.edu/about/facts/history.html>



Women's Studies at California State University San Marcos was not made a department on the CSUSM campus until 2009/2010 academic year, allowing 9 years for the departments development and academic advancement

and,

Whereas, The Discipline of Women's Studies has had 49 years of possible building in knowledge production and academic advancements in the United States of America⁶

and,

Whereas, The academically considered closely related discipline to Women's Studies is Political Science⁷

and,

Whereas, The discipline of Political Science was established in the Academic University setting between the years of 1875 and 1910

and,

Whereas, Allowing the continued academic advancement and knowledge production of a closely related field for a continuing of 144 years

and,

Whereas, An accumulation of 147 students signed a petition before the department name change titled, "Petition to keep "WMST" Name" that stated, "We the students, are starting a petition to keep the Women's Studies major name the same as it is, "Women's Studies" We the students, do not agree with the proposed name change of the "Women's Gender and Sexuality Studies."

and,

Whereas, The "Petition to keep the "WMST' Name" was unanimously agreed upon by 147 California State University San Marcos Students

and,

Whereas, Associated Students Inc, passed "A resolution in Support of the Lesbian Gay Bisexual Transgender Queer Intersex (LGBTQI) Students of California State University, San Marcos (CSUSM)" in the 2010/2011 academic year that has a stated resolved, "That the Women's Studies Department make a commitment to

⁶ https://www.jstor.org/stable/4316945?seq=1#page_scan_tab_contents

⁷ https://www.jstor.org/stable/26219989?read-now=1&seq=1#page_scan_tab_contents



developing a Sexuality Studies minor and promote courses addressing LGBTQI identities and contributions; and be it further.”⁸

and,

Whereas, It is the duty of Associated Students, Inc. to review all passed resolutions and advocate on behalf of them

Resolved, Associated Students Inc, of California State University San Marcos encourage the campus, departments and Academic Senate to retain the department of Women’s Studies, as the Department of Women’s Studies.

Resolved, Associated Students, Inc. at California State University San Marcos, will encourage Academic Senate and the department of Women’s Gender and Sexuality Studies to change the name back to the Department of Women’s Studies.

Resolved, Associated Students, Inc. at California State University San Marcos will encourage the California State University San Marcos Academic Senate to create a Gender and Sexuality Studies Minor as previously resolved in 2010/2011 under the Women Studies Department.

Resolved, Associated Students, Inc. of California State University San Marcos will work With the Women’s Studies department to encourage transparency and active communication between administration, the department and the students.

Resolved, Associated Students, Inc. of California State University San Marcos will ask Academic Affairs to highlight student representatives in university committees, as well as inform students about curriculum changes prior, during, and after initiatives/proposals.

Resolved, Associated Students, Inc. at California State University San Marcos will work to protect the integrity of the Women’s Studies discipline as we center women’s experiences in our work and advocacy for the communities that we serve on this campus.

⁸ https://www.csusm.edu/asi/documents/bod/resolutions/2011_05_13_lgbtqi_support.pdf

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- <https://www.csusm.edu/about/facts/history.html>
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- https://www.csusm.edu/academic_programs/catalogcurricula/documents/2018-19_curriculum/chabss/wmst_catalogcopy_revised2_9-6-18.pdf
- https://www.csusm.edu/academic_programs/catalogcurricula/documents/2018-19_curriculum/chabss/wmst_roadmap_rev9-14-18.pdf

I, Savana Doudar 18/19 ASI President, hereby certify that this resolution approved and adopted by the Board of Directors of Associated Students, Inc., at a regularly scheduled meeting held on May 10, 2019



Savana Doudar

5/16/19

Date