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You may be interested in the resolution on Ethnic Studies Program adopted by the annual national A. A. U. P. meeting May 3, 1969.

Ethnic Studies Programs

In response to a long period of inattention to oppressed minorities within this country and responding to the legitimate requests of minority group students, a growing number of institutions of higher learning have sought to establish ethnic studies programs or departments. Recognizing the importance of understanding the history and culture of American ethnic groups, the Fifty-fifth Annual Meeting of the American Association of University Professors recommends that such proposals be given serious consideration.

As with other courses of study, the faculty must weigh the needs of all its students, the relationship of the new ethnic programs to the entire program of each institution, and the availability of qualified personnel to assure a program appropriate for higher education. Specifically, the Annual Meeting believes it important to state that the faculty as a whole should retain the same responsibility for these programs that it retains for all others within the institution; that faculty appointments in ethnic studies programs should be open to all qualified persons regardless of ethnic origin; that decision respecting appointment, nonreappointment, promotion, and tenure should be made in accordance with the principles and procedures advocated by the Association; and that enrollment should be open to students of all ethnic groups. In view of the Association's consistent and continued opposition to racial segregation within the nation's educational system, the Annual Meeting cannot now in good conscience support the reintroduction of segregation into higher education under the guise of exclusive ethnic programs.



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