

**SENATE RESOLUTION #2024**

**Title: Ethnic Studies Programs**

**Date: December 4, 2002**

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1. WHEREAS, the current ethnic programs consist of African American Studies,
2. Chicano Studies, and American Indian Studies; and
3. WHEREAS, each program is currently viable and is progressively enhancing
4. diversity at the University of Wyoming; and
5. WHEREAS, each program is working to grow and retain its individuality; and
6. WHEREAS, each program has its own unique mission statement and purpose;
7. and
8. WHEREAS, the Moving Forward II document states that it is the intent of the
9. University of Wyoming administration to consolidate the three ethnic
10. programs into a solitary program; and
11. WHEREAS, this places a strain on the program with a shortage of faculty to
12. only 5.5 with one director and one staff person for the consolidated program;
13. and
14. WHEREAS, this action could limit each program to continue to identify with
15. students and grow individually into their own departments; and
16. WHEREAS, students would be deprived of a specific ethnic discipline under
17. one of three programs.
18. THEREFORE, be it resolved the Student Senate of the Associated Students of

19. the University of Wyoming request that the University administration
20. carefully consider these student concerns before consolidating these
21. programs under the Moving Forward II document.

**Referred to:** Student Relations Committee

**Date of Passage:** December 10, 2002 **Signed:**

*Lou Reed*

**Emergency Proceedings**

(ASUW Chairperson)

“Being enacted on December 13, 2002, I do hereby sign my name hereto

and approve this Senate action.”

*Keith Gapp*  
ASUW President