Program Strengths and Accomplishments:

The department is one of the few in the community college system whose educational program focuses on the historical and contemporary experiences of various under-represented ethnic/racial groups. The faculty is to be commended for collaborating with other disciplines in establishing the Black Studies Learning Community and Ethnic American Learning Community. The department has also worked collaboratively with the Business/CIS Division in establishing a new certificate program in Multicultural Marketing. Student surveys (88%) indicate that the instruction provided by faculty is “good” to “excellent”.

Program Goals and Objectives:

The primary goal of the Ethnic Studies Department is consistent with the College’s mission of “embracing diversity”. The faculty is encouraged to continue reviewing the Student Equity Plan and developing courses and programs in the future to meet the diverse needs of our students.

Other Issues Facing the Department:

In the near future, the Humanities Building is scheduled for complete renovation, which will greatly enhance the instructional environment, resolve the ventilation problem and alleviate the noise transference problem between classrooms. Additional equipment and software for the program should be requested through the annual Budget Request Process. Faculty is encouraged to continue participating in the process of developing Student Learning Outcomes and assessments for the department.