**ETHNO-RELATIVE CURRICULAR TASK FORCE COMMITTEE – CALL OUT – SENT 9/14/17**

**From:** Henderson, Silvester  
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**To:** LMC ALL Faculty  
**Subject:** Request for Faculty Participation: "Academic Senate Ethno-relative Curricular Task Force Committee" 2017-2018 (Immediate Response Requested)

9-14-2017

Dear LMC Faculty:

Hello! The Academic Senate is seeking faculty members to become part of the newly formed, ***"Academic Senate Ethno-relative Curricular Task Force Committee".****The Academic Senate would like to create a team of academics who would review our current curricular model regarding* **"Intercultural Curricular Sensitivity".** *Ethno-relativism* recognize other cultures and accept them as viable alternatives to their own worldview. They know that people are genuinely different from them and accept the inevitability of other value systems and behavioral norms. They do not yet adapt their own behavior to the cultural context, but they no longer see other cultures as threatening, wrong, or inferior. People in the acceptance phase can be thought of as “culture-neutral,” seeing differences as neither good nor bad, but rather as a fact of life. The Senate would like to engage more culturally relevant curricular models as oppose to continuing *"Ethnocentrism".* Ethnocentrism is as an attitude or mindset which presumes the superiority of one’s own worldview, sometimes without even acknowledging the existence of others. The Task Force would be ask to review and suggest the following:

**A: Position Paper of the Academic Senate (Attached) (Approved 3-24-2003)**

**B: Process for Curricular Improvement**

***(What, how and who should be responsible for this curricular conversation and possible innovative implementation)***

*The Senate is suggesting* ***6-8*** *faculty representatives from the following areas of emphasis:*

***Counseling***

***CTE***

***Basic Skills Committee: Math/English***

***IDEA Committee***

***Academic Senate***

***Physical/Biological Science***

***Liberal Arts: Social, Behavioral Science, Art, Music, Drama***

The Academic Senate and Senate Council promotes open applications from all faculty.  Please submit your name, along with a brief writing that describes your interest to serve on thisTask Force. **All prospective applicants are requested to submit their interest in writing, by October 2, 2017.** The selected faculty members will be confirmed at the Academic Senate's October 9, 2017 Bi-Monthly meeting. This occurrence will be held at 3:00 P.M. in L109. Your attendance at this meeting will allow the Academic Senate to ask questions and validate prospective application. Thank you for your consideration and kindness.

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