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Pro Statement on Diversity Requirements

I wish to enthusiastically support the current proposal for an undergraduate diversity requirement at UCLA. I teach Conservation Biology (EEB116) with Phil Rundel which is a large upper level class consisting of more than 200 students. Many of the conservation issues discussed in the course would benefit from a better understanding of diversity issues, and how conservation problems differentially affect different cultures and economically disadvantaged groups. I have taught the course for over two decades and the numerous interactions with undergraduates that I have had reinforce the need for enhanced understanding of diversity issues. I would be happy to provide specific examples if needed to better support this view.

Yours sincerely,

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