

RACISM

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"People were branded with hot irons, mothers were raped and brutalized right before the eyes of their children and men were hung upside down by their feet until they starved to death," he said.

Cinde Rosanbalm, also an *Insurgent* editor, accused the media that were present of "again choosing to portray race in a black and white way." Reporters and camera operators from two television stations left after the first four speakers, three of whom were African-American. Rosanbalm is Korean-American.

The multicultural requirement revision would be a step in the right direction, said Greg Calof, 1993-94 Student Senate president.

"This is what we want," he said. "This should be done and over with. Today is the day to get it through."

But the University Assembly Wednesday voted to send the proposed revision to a new committee.

Speakers at the press conference wore green armbands to show solidarity and support for the revision.



Tonija Edwards (right) and Eden Ajrian-Omar speak in support of the multicultural revision at a press conference Wednesday.

Minorities are frustrated all over the country, said Diana Collins Puente, ASUO vice president. Students at the University of California at Los Angeles are presently working to get a Chicano

Studies department at their college.

"Why do we have to continue fighting — begging — to have our voices heard?" Collins Puente asked.

REQUIREMENT

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said afterwards the motion is just a way for faculty to sweep the revision under the rug.

"We've been working on this thing for two years, and it keeps getting referred to committees," said ASUO Vice President Diana Collins Puente. "Basically, we're no further than where we've been."

Collins Puente said she believes the committee will merely dilute the revision until it's worthless. The assembly should have killed it outright instead of killing it quietly through a committee, she said.

But others are not so pessimistic.

"Obviously we wanted the University to get behind a multicultural requirement," said Ethnic Studies Director Quintard Taylor after the meeting. "But it was equally obvious that it wasn't going to happen this year. This gives everyone some time to work out a compromise."

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