

Celebrating 30 years

January 24, 1990

MEChA (Movimiento Estudiantil Chicano de Aztlan) meeting: students discuss experiences of discrimination within the Spanish Department and cite specific incidences.

January 29, 1990

Students rally to express their protest of the situation in the Spanish Department

February 7, 1990

Acting Dean of the College of Letters and Science publicly announces the appointment of a task force (chaired by the Dean of Education, Henry Trueba) to conduct an inquiry into the needs of Spanish-speaking students for Spanish language instruction, to investigate their complaints about issues arising in courses offered by the Spanish Department, and to recommend ways of resolving them.

February 8, 1990

Initial meeting is held with the chair of the Academic Senate to discuss grievance procedures in the Spanish Department. A format for grievances is approved and administrative contacts regarding the filing of grievances are designated.

March 14, 1990

"Trueba Task Force Report" is released and a federal investigation of alleged discrimination is also made public.

May 1, 1990

Approximately 200 students, including a representative of the Ethnic Studies Task Force, walk out and march to Mrak Hall. A number of points of contention were brought up, including the recent rejection of Cruz Reynoso for the Dean of UCD School of Law, perceived discriminatory practices in the Spanish Department, and need for higher retention and recruitment rates for underrepresented students.



May 14, 1990

Students launch a hunger strike on the steps of Mrak Hall. A list of demands in order to end the hunger strike is drafted. They included the following:

Launching an official investigation into alleged racism in the Spanish Department

Establishing an on-campus ethnic and cultural center

Increasing the number of full-time faculty members in the Afro-American, Asian American, Native American and Chicano Studies Programs

May 19, 1990

After nearly six days of fasting by four students (José Quiñonez, Andrea Gaytan, Gopal Dayaneni and Ahmanal Dorsey), an agreement is reached with University Administration in reference to the aforementioned demands and the hunger strikers begin the recovery process.

May 25, 1990

The work group on planning a cross-cultural center announces the projected opening of the center at the Ag Extension building.

Fall 1992

Opening of the Cross Cultural Center at the Ag Extension Building

January 2012

Move of the Cross Cultural Center to its current permanent location in the Student Community Center

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