

UNDERGRADUATE EDUCATION POLICY COMMITTEE

***Resolution to Recommend Approval of the New Unit
of Instruction (NUI) for the Addition of a Major in Africana Studies
and Department and Minor Name Change from
Black American Studies (BAS) to Africana Studies within
the College of Liberal Arts***

WHEREAS the proposed major program in Africana Studies is designed to provide students with an opportunity to become better educated about issues such as race, culture, and class and their impact on persons of African descent, as well as to provide them with a greater knowledge of the cultural and artistic accomplishments of these people; and

WHEREAS the objectives of the program address important goals set by SIUC to provide our students with the opportunity to increase their global awareness and develop a deeper understanding of the topics afforded by an education in Africana Studies; and

WHEREAS current enrollment in BAS courses is strong, the minor is well enrolled, and undergraduate students have expressed much interest in a major; and

WHEREAS the Black American Studies Program believes that the name "Department of Africana Studies" better describes its content and intention; and

WHEREAS the department name change requires that the minor also be similarly re-named;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Faculty Senate recommend the NUI for the Addition of a Major in Africana Studies within the College of Liberal Arts, as well as a concurrent change in name from "Black American Studies" to "Department of Africana Studies" and a change in the name of the current minor from "Black American Studies" to "Africana Studies."

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