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601 East John Street  
Champaign, IL 61820



May 10, 2004

O. Vernon Burton, Chair  
Senate Committee on Educational Policy  
Office of the Senate  
228 English Building, MC-461

Dear Professor Burton:

Enclosed are copies of a proposal from the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences to Rename the Interdisciplinary Minor in Afro-American Studies to the Interdisciplinary Minor in African American Studies.

This proposal has been approved by the Committee on Courses and Curricula, Academic Affairs Committee, Executive Committee and the Faculty of the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences; it now requires Senate review.

Sincerely,

Keith A. Marshall, Ph.D.  
Assistant Provost

Enclosures

- c: S. Cha-Jua
- C. Livingstone
- A. Mester

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PROPOSAL TO THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATIONAL POLICY

TITLE OF THE PROPOSAL:

Proposal to rename of the Interdisciplinary Minor in Afro-American Studies to the Interdisciplinary Minor in African American Studies

SPONSOR:

Sundiata Keita Cha-Jua, 333.7781

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BRIEF DESCRIPTION:

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The proposal is to change the name of the Interdisciplinary Minor in Afro-American Studies to the Interdisciplinary Minor in African American Studies.

JUSTIFICATION:

The nomenclature "Afro-American" was a popular term used by descendants of Africans enslaved in the United States during the late 19<sup>th</sup> Century and again briefly during the late 1960s. However, it was never very popular. From the late 1960s to early 1990s, "Black" was the preferred national designator used by African descendants born in the U.S. Jesse Jackson led a successful campaign in the late 1980s-early 1990s to get governmental agencies, institutions, organizations, and media to adopt the name "African American." Today, few institutions, organizations, and media use the name "Afro-American." Our continued use of the name "Afro-American" suggest that we are out of date with most Black Studies units which use the terms African American or Africana.

BUDGETARY AND STAFF IMPLICATIONS:

The proposal does not require additional staff, internal reallocations, and will not impact course enrollments and library, computer, laboratory or equipment use.

GUIDELINES FOR UNDERGRADUATE EDUCATION:

No change in the structure of the interdisciplinary minor.

Sponsor: Sundata Keita Chitson

Department Head: Sundata Keita Chitson

Dean: Amurugat 5/7/04  
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Provost:

STATEMENT FOR PROGRAMS OF STUDY CATALOG:

The Programs of Study Catalog should change the name of the Interdisciplinary Minor in Afro-American Studies to the Interdisciplinary Minor in African American Studies.

EFFECTIVE DATE: Spring 2005