

ACADEMIC STANDARDS & EVENTS COMMITTEE MEMBERS--for consideration at our next meeting April 21, Monday, 4 p.m. ROOM CHANGE: we must meet next Monday in Dean Yozwiak's area--ROOM 118

TO: Departmental Chairmen

DATE: April 15, 1986

FROM: Barbara Brothers (English)
Chair/Academic Standards & Events

SUBJECT: University requirement in an "other cultural study"

Last November, the Senate Executive Committee referred to us a section of the report of the Ad Hoc Committee on Black Studies Program for our consideration and recommendation. The pertinent section reads: "The Senate Academic Standards and Events Committee should investigate the possibility of a University requirement in an 'other cultural study,' be it historical or contemporary in perspective." After some preliminary deliberations, it is the consensus of this committee that such a requirement would enhance the undergraduate experience of our students and, hence, should be enacted. Thus, it is essential that we now solicit the views of the faculty on this issue before proceeding. Please discuss this matter with your colleagues at your next faculty meeting and respond to the following questions by _____.

1. Do you believe that there should be a requirement that every student take a course or courses stressing an "other cultural study"?

2. How would you define "other cultural study"?

3. Should emphasis be historical in perspective, contemporary, or both?

4. What courses already in the Bulletin would satisfy your definition of such a course?

5. How many courses of this nature would you recommend for a minimum number? Maximum?

6. If there were such a requirement, would you anticipate any problems for your students?

7. Would you support such a requirement in the Senate?

8. Other comments?