

YOUNGSTOWN STATE UNIVERSITY

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TO ACADEMIC STANDARDS & EVENTS COMMITTEE

DATE 2/17/86

FROM Barbara Brothers, Chair, AS&E (English) *B. Brothers*

SUBJECT Minutes of Feb. 17, 1986 meeting (8 a.m. Monday)

Members Present: B. Brothers, P. Baldino, J. Conser, I. Heal, D. Rost,  
J. Scriven, R. Tabak, G. Tribble

1. Minutes of 2/10/86 approved.
2. Committee saw no problem with proposed language for science/mathematics that Barger & Burden (Math) agreed to:

To develop an understanding of the laws and concepts that describe the natural world, the methods used to obtain these laws and concepts, and the mathematical models which foster scientific inquiry.

3. J. Conser moved and J. Scriven seconded:

"II. Curriculum and Enrollment

The Committee for the Review of the Black Studies program recommended that the Senate Academic Standards and Events Committee consider adding a 'cultural study' requirement to the General Area of the University Requirements.

This Committee incorporated such a requirement in its motion to the Senate to change University Requirements. Restriction #3 stated: 'At least two courses selected to meet the general area requirements must include an emphasis on international and/or multicultural knowledge and experience.' This restriction was removed by Senate vote when the main proposal was amended.

The Academic Standards and Events Committee, therefore, will review the comments of Senators and solicit additional input from the University Community and then submit a more specific motion to the Senate on this matter."

Passed unanimously.

4. The Committee discussed the Glorianne Leck proposed model for defining an other cultural experience (attached). The Committee is obviously uncertain as to what our intent was or should be. Do we mean non-Western? J. Conser said that would eliminate Black Studies, for example. B. Brothers said we were concerned with both other cultural in the sense of time and place <sup>and</sup> minority U.S. cultures.

N.B. NEXT MEETING: MONDAY, FEBRUARY 24 at 2 P.M. A&S Dean's office

Attachment: Only for those who did not attend 2/17's meeting

### AN OTHER CULTURAL EXPERIENCE

One component of General Education should include an other cultural experience. This means that each student should have the experience of looking at society and culture from an other time, place or perspective. Such a requirement is usually met by enrolling in a course that has a primary part of its orientation based A. in an historical time that is clearly distinct from our own, (example: Greek and Roman Ancient History); or B. in an other civilization that is distinct from the current mainstream social political framework, (example: North American, and South American Indian Civilizations); C. in a cultural perspective that is other than the current dominant one (Black Studies, Women Studies, Minority Studies, and Histories of Asia, South America, Africa, Middle East, etc.)

Courses that qualify for this identification of "an other cultural perspective" would need to be reviewed for such a designation and would be signaled as such in the university bulletin and catalog.

You will observe that differences in what is other cultural in time, type, or place will often overlap i.e. Asian History provides all three when taught as an overview or general survey.

submitted to Barbara Brothers  
by Glorianne Leck  
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