## YOUNGSTOWN STATE UNIVERSITY

## INTER-OFFICE CORRESPONDENCE

| TO. | Members of the Academic Standards \& Eventconte 3/10/86 |
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| FROM | Committee Barbara Brothers, Chair, AS\&E (English) Wher |
| SUBJECT | Minutes of the March 10, 1986 meeting ( $2 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m}$. ) Present: R. Mitche11, D. Rost, G. Tribble, R. Tabak, J. Conser 1. Minutes of $3 / 3 / 86$ approved. <br> B. Brothers |
|  | 2. If we used the description of the $3 / 3 / 86$ meeting, are there enough courses to meet the demand? <br> R. Tabak. |
|  | 3. R. Mitchell: art would have a problem because courses are traditionally an historical period. |

Attachments: 2 (Scriven handout \& Spring qtr schedule request)

The Council on Curriculum, Instruction and Advising (CI\&A) recommends to the College that BA and BIS candidates be required to complete at least two courses ( 8 to 10 credits) to satisfy the U. S. CULTURAL PLURALISM REQUIREMENT. Courses used to fulfill this requirement may also be used to satisfy other CLA requirements, in particular Group C (The Individual and Society) and Group D (Literary and Artistic Expression). And furthermore, that all courses selected to meet the U. S. CULTURAL PLURALISM REQUIREMENT demonstrate the satisfaction of all three of the following criteria:
*(a) a primary focus on any of the four following American cultures: Afro-American, American Indian, Asian American or Chicano cultures.
(b) incorporation and significant attention in course content and/or analysis to the other significant social factors in these cultures, such as social class, gender, age, sexuality, etc.
(c) incorporation and significant attention in course material and/or analysis to the concepts of race and ethnicity and ethnocentrism and racism.

Secondly, during the transition period to a new bulletin, a U. S. Cultural Pluralism Committee should be appointed by the Dean with approval of the Assembly to review and recommend a list of appropriate courses from the present curriculum for fulfilling this requirement and that the majority membership of this committee be taken from the following departments, programs, or areas of study: Afro-American Studies, American Indian Studies, Asian American Studies, Chicano Studies, American Studies, Urban Studies, Women's Studies, and Sociology; that once the U. S. Cultural Pluralism requirement is implemented, the review and course recommendation function will be assumed by the CLA Curriculum Committee as specified in the CLA constitution.

## *Meaning of the word "primary" in criterion (a)

(1) Courses which have an exclusive and/or singular focus on any one of the four cultures.
(2) Courses which have comparative focus on any two or more of the four cultures.
(3) Courses which include the study of any number of these cultures in a wider comparative framework; in which courses significant attention should be given to the studies of any of these four cultures.

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