

YOUNGSTOWN STATE UNIVERSITY

INTER-OFFICE CORRESPONDENCE

) TO Dr. B. Brothers, Chairperson, DATE Nov. 1, 1985
Academic Standards & Events

FROM Dr. D. Post, Chairman, Senate Executive Committee

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SUBJECT

The Senate Executive Committee is referring two sections of the report of the Ad Hoc Committee on Black Studies Program for your consideration and recommendations for action by the Academic Senate.

Section I

Recruitment:

Section II

Curriculum and Enrollment:
Items 1. and 2.

Page 2 of the Committee's report is attached for your convenience.

) Thank you for your committee's careful deliberation of these matters.

Report of the Ad Hoc Sub Committee for the Review of the Black Studies Program

Recommendations:

I Recruitment:

The University should provide the staff and necessary funding to institutionalize the minority recruitment efforts presently being performed on a supplementary basis in the Admissions Office. This should include, but not be limited to, the following:

1. Continuation of all minority recruitment programs presently being implemented.
2. Development of a visitation program for all of the minority seniors in the Youngstown schools.
3. The holding of a luncheon for the scholars (primarily the valedictorians and the National Honor Society members) of the Youngstown schools.
4. The holding of a luncheon for representatives of minority groups and for city high school guidance counselors to keep them informed about the University and to encourage their assistance in recruiting minority students.
5. The development of a minority handbook that can be used in the recruitment efforts with minority students.

II Curriculum and Enrollment

The results of a survey taken of all University Departments indicate that no department other than Black Studies now requires courses in Black Studies. Nine recommend them in an informal way. Fifteen list them on curriculum sheets. As a result Black Studies courses have a low visibility and are taken by very few whites, yet graduates from many departments are expected to have substantial occupational contact with the black community. Our surveys reveal that the proportion of black students enrolled in Black Studies courses is increasing while that of white students is decreasing. Thus the Committee recommends the following:

1. 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.
2. The Academic Standards and Events Committee should compile a list of courses, relatively small in number, that would fulfill the requirement of a "cultural study."
3. Departments whose graduates have a high probability of working with members of the black community should be encouraged to specify that their majors take