

CAP's Final Recommendation on African American Studies Major

TO: Steering Committee
FROM: Committee on Academic Programs
RE: African American Studies Major
DATE: April 20th, 2015

Background:

On April 15th, 2015, Steering sent CAP a charge regarding a proposed major in African American Studies (“AAS”). Supporting documents with endorsements from the various impacted departments as well as the approval of Benjamin Rifkin, Dean of the School of Humanities and Social Sciences were included with the charge.

Charge:

Steering asked CAP to “consider whether there are any units that might be affected by the proposal that have not been consulted and whether the proposal is consistent with the College’s mission.” Steering also noted that CAP did not need to collect testimony on this charge.

Final Recommendation:

CAP reviewed the proposal and noted that supporting emails from all the departments whose courses were included in the major had been included in the document sent by Steering. CAP also believes that the proposed major is consistent with the College’s mission. As such, CAP approves the proposed major in African American Studies, and affirms that this part of the approval process has been fulfilled.