TO: Giovanna Summerfield, Associate Dean  
Dan Larocque, Senior Associate Dean  
Constance Relihan, Associate Provost  
Kevin Snyder, Coordinator of Curriculum Management

FROM: Robin Sabino, Director of African Studies

RE: Changes to Africana Studies elective course roster

Date: September 20, 2013

Attached please find two proposal forms for changes to Africana Studies electives. You will also find communications from the appropriate department chairs verifying the requests.

The following two courses should be delisted as Africana Studies electives as the course content has changed and is no longer relevant:

SOWO 3800 HUMAN BEHAVIOR IN THE SOCIAL ENVIRONMENT  
POLI 4020 CONSTITUTIONAL LAW: CIVIL RIGHTS

The following three courses should be added as electives with changing content that require approval of the director for application to the Africana Studies minor:

ENGL 2210 WORLD LITERATURE AFTER  
ENGL 2260 AMERICAN LITERATURE AFTER 1865  
POLI 3730 ISSUES IN INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

My policy is to check with faculty teaching all sections of courses with variable content each semester prior to registration to determine which courses/sections we should list.
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3. CIP Code of Affected Program: Afri

4. Proposed Implementation Date: Spring 2014

5. Justification:

   (Include a concise, yet adequate rationale for the revision of the program, citing accreditation, assessments (faculty, graduate, and/or external) where applicable.)

   The courses listed below is not applicable to the Africana Studies Minor.

6. Current Degree Requirements (Including All Formal Options):

   (Provide the current curriculum model for the program, as well as for each formal option.)

   NA

7. Proposed Degree Requirements (Including All Formal Options):

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   NA

8. New Courses Required:

   (Indicate which courses -- if any -- are part of the curriculum that are not currently offered.)

   Delist the following courses because content is not relevant to the Africana Studies Minor:
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   SOWO 3800 HUMAN BEHAVIOR IN THE SOCIAL ENVIRONMENT

9. Relationship of Proposed Program to Other Auburn University Programs:

   (If the proposed program revision affects any other unit and/or covers material offered by another college/school, attach correspondence with relevant unit.)

   Will the program revision affect other program(s) and/or units at Auburn University? ☐ Yes  ☑ No

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10. New or Additional Resources / Resource Shifting Required:
(If “yes” for any item, please provide explanation in the space provided below.)

Will additional faculty lines be required?  ☐ Yes  ☐ No
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Explanation of or provision for new or additional resources / explanation of program’s support or replacement of other programs:

NA

11. Distance Education:
(If Distance Education will be incorporated in the delivery of the proposed program, provide details of implementation, scope, etc.)

NA
RE: Updating Africana Studies electives.txt

From: Steven Brown
Sent: Thursday, September 19, 2013 11:33 AM
To: Robin Sabino
Subject: RE: Updating Africana Studies electives

Dear Robin:

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I hope this helps.

Take care,

Steve

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Sent: Thursday, September 19, 2013 11:22 AM
To: Steven Brown
Subject: Updating Africana Studies electives

Steve,

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From: Allen Furr
Sent: Thursday, September 19, 2013 12:41 PM
To: Robin Sabino
Subject: RE: deslisting an Africana Studies elective

Yes, that's correct.
Allen

From: Robin Sabino
Sent: Thursday, September 19, 2013 11:13 AM
To: Allen Furr
Subject: deslisting an Africana Studies elective

Alan,

I'm updating the Africana Studies course offerings and want to confirm that SOWO 3800 HUMAN BEHAVIOR IN THE SOCIAL ENVIRONMENT should no longer be included as an Africana Studies elective as the course content is no longer relevant.

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Approvals

Department Chair / Head

College / School Curriculum Committee

College / School Dean

Dean of the Graduate School (for Graduate Programs)

Assoc. Provost for Undergraduate Studies (for Undergraduate Programs)

9/26/13

Date

10/4/2013

Date

10/10/2013

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From: Jeremy Downes
Sent: Wednesday, September 25, 2013 12:59 PM
To: Robin Sabino
Subject: Re: approval needed for adding new cross listed AFRI courses

Robin,

Sorry for the delay. Do you need a signature, or can I just let you know that I approve. If so, I approve!

Cheers,

Jeremy

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From: Robin Sabino <sabinro@auburn.edu>
Date: Monday, September 23, 2013 9:29 AM
To: Jeremy Downes <downejm@auburn.edu>
Subject: FW: approval needed for adding new cross listed AFRI courses

Jeremy,

I'm sending this again because I've had problems with a couple of emails I've send from home. The paper work is ready for this year's modification to the Africana Studies courses but for your approval.

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From: Robin Sabino
Sent: Thursday, September 19, 2013 11:09 AM
To: Jeremy Downes
Subject: approval needed for adding new cross listed AFRI courses

Jeremy,

I'm updating the Africana Studies course offerings. In order to send the paperwork forward to the CLA and University curriculum committees, I need your approval for adding ENGL 2210 - World Literature before 1600 and ENGL 2260
American Literature After 1865 to our list of courses with changing topics. These courses can be counted toward the Africana Studies Minor when course syllabi are approved by the director. Courses we already list under this criterion are identified with a * in the list below.

*2250 American Literature before 1865
  3710 Survey of African American Literature
  4140 Language Variation
*4440 Southern Literature
  4450 Topics in African American Literature
*4540 Studies in Drama
*4700 Topics in Literature
*4730 Topics in Popular Culture

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