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HAN MI YOON-WU, ASSOCIATE VICE PROVOST & EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR UNDERGRADUATE ADMISSIONS

RE: ADVANCED PLACEMENT AFRICAN AMERICAN STUDIES EXAM

Dear Han Mi,

During our meeting on July 12th, BOARS voted to allow a score of three or higher on the Advanced Placement (AP) African American Studies can meet one year of U.S. History for the area A (history/social science) requirement. The committee recognizes that Area A credit is currently granted for the AP African American Studies course and that this course can be used to fulfill UC's American History requirement. In reaching the unanimous decision, members considered that the learning objectives of the AP African American Studies course are similar to those of the U.S. History course and is a college-level course focusing on the African American experience. Additionally, BOARS supports the University Committee on Educational Policy's recommendation (see attached) that the AP African American Studies exam meets college-level standards and that college credit should be awarded for a score of three or above.

The committee appreciates the opportunity to weigh in on this matter. Don't hesitate to contact me should you have any questions.

Sincerely,

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Barbara Knowlton, Chair
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**BARBARA KNOWLTON, CHAIR
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RE: RECOMMENDATION FOR AP AFRICAN AMERICAN STUDIES EXAM

Dear Barbara,

The University Committee on Educational Policy (UCEP) discussed the option of designating systemwide course credit for the Advanced Placement (AP) African American Studies exam at our April 1st meeting. The committee voted in favor of conferring systemwide credit for this exam to be four-unit credits and recommends that the Board of Admissions and Relations with Schools (BOARS) consider our approval in your discussions. We understand that the exam score requirement is the purview of BOARS, but we suggest that students should earn a score of at least 3 (or higher) for course credit.

UCEP considered that the AP African American Studies exam is comprised of four units: 1) The Origins of the African Diaspora; 2) Freedom, Enslavement, and Resistance; 3) The Practice of Freedom; and 4) Movements and Debates. The College Board indicate that the exam is designed to be the equivalent to one introductory university course in African American Studies and related fields. Members looked at the unit credits offered for the AP African American Studies exam by comparator universities. We also took into account the amount of credit UC offers for other AP exams (e.g., American History) and how this varies depending on the content. Based on this information, UCEP concluded that as a matter of rigor and content, the AP African American Studies exam is equivalent to four units for students earning a score of 3 or higher.

UCEP appreciates the opportunity to comment on this matter. Please contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Melanie Cocco'.

Melanie Cocco, Chair
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