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# African American Studies Advisory Board Minutes

October 8, 2009

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*Dr. Ochwa-Echel presided over the meeting.*

Members present: Dr. Beck, Dr. Hendrickson, Mr. Kuma, Dr. Ochwa-Echel, Dr. Onyango, Mr. Reed, and Mr. Schultz

Staff present: Mrs. Kathy Chancellor

## I. Welcome

## II. Approval of the September 10 and October 8 minutes.

Approval of these minutes will be put on next month's agenda.

*Since there were a limited number of members attending Dr. Ochwa-Echel decided to move directly to V. Curriculum on the agenda.*

## III. Curriculum

- Dr. James Ochwa-Echel began by reviewing past conversations from previous meetings. He also mentioned that:
  - The current degree is a B.S. and he would like to change that to a B.A. since it would better fit, since African American Studies falls under Arts and Humanities.
  - Name change to Africana Studies to better reflect the courses taught.
  - Adding an additional course that would meet the general education designation
- Discussion ensued and some of the key suggested were:
  - Major G.P.A. and including a total G.P.A. minimum stated in the catalog
  - Dr. Beck's upcoming new courses be included under the history specialization

## IV. Other Items

Mr. Kuma explained that every December the Library displays the Kwanzaa. During the same time the Black Student Union members usually contact him inquiring about borrowing it to display it during one of their meetings. These articles belong to the library and cannot be borrowed.

Mr. Kuma applied for a Redden Grant in order to purchase an extra Kwanzaa display. He announced that he did receive the grant and the purchase has been complete and he wants to donate the Kwanzaa display to African American Studies Program. Students or others would now be able to borrow this and use for their various functions. He will deliver it to the African American Studies office after the meeting.

## V. Adjournment

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The meeting adjourned at 4:43 p.m.

Kathy Chancellor, Recorder

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ANNOUNCEMENT OF NEXT MEETING  
Thursday, Dec 10, 2009  
3108 Blair Hall