MOTION

To change the name of the Department of Afro-American Studies to the Department of Africology

RATIONALE

The College of Letters and Science faculty voted to recommend approval of a name change for the Department of Afro-American Studies at its December 1, 1993 meeting. The new name will be the Department of Africology. In contrast to Afro-American Studies, Black Studies, Africana Studies, Pan-African Studies, et cetera, the name Africology more accurately reflects the department’s curriculum, the teaching and research interests of the faculty, as well as the distinctiveness and scope of the discipline that it names. Moreover, the name change marks an important milestone signaling a range of scholarly activities which began almost two generations ago to institutionalize the discipline of Africology in the American academy.

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