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Dear Professor Kraemer:

The College of Arts & Sciences College Council has considered and recommends the request of the American Culture Program faculty and director to change the program name to American Studies. The name of the minor also changes.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'S.L. Hoch'.

Steve L. Hoch
Dean

Cc: ✓ Jeff Dembo, Senate Council Chair
Joanne Melish, Director, American Culture Program
Leonidas Bachas, Associate Dean, A&S

**Academic Organization and Structure Committee Review
and Consultation Summary Sheet**

Proposal Title: change program name from American Culture to American Studies						
Contact: Joanne Melish, jmelish@uky.edu, 7-1014						
Instruction: To facilitate the processing of this proposal please identify the groups or individuals reviewing the proposal, identify a contact person for each entry, provide the consequences of the review (specifically: approval, rejection, no decision as well as vote outcome, if any) and attach a copy of any report or memorandum developed with comment on this proposal.						
Reviewed by:	Contact:			Review Outcome	Date of review	Review Summary
prg subcommittee	n/a					
prg faculty	n/a			vote 7 of 7 approved	2/23/04	no
prg dir	Joanne Melish	jmelish@uky.edu	7-1014	approved	2/24/04	memo, yes
college area committee	Karen Petrone	petrone@uky.edu	7-4345	approved	3/26/04	IR, yes
college council	Karen Petrone	petrone@uky.edu	7-4345	approved	4/5/04	IR, yes
college dean	Steve Hoch	steven-hoch@uky.edu	7-8354	approved	4/9/04	memo, yes
undergrad council committee						
undergrad council						
senate						

MEMORANDUM

TO: Steven L. Hoch, Dean of Arts and Sciences
University Registrar

FROM: Joanne Pope Melish, Director
Program in American Culture

RE: Petition for Minor Change in Name of Program

DATE: February 2, 2004

I am requesting approval to change the name of the program called since its inception the "Program in American Culture" to "American Studies". We need to make this change to move the program at UK into the mainstream of the field of American studies nationally and to reflect its current theoretical framework.

In part as a response to the pressures of cold war nationalism, the American Studies movement developed in the 1940s and early 50s as an interdisciplinary approach—conceived then as a simple marriage of history and literature—to search for the "myths and symbols" that defined and unified a "genuine American culture". But since the 1960s, a sequence of political developments in American life—the civil rights and black power movements, second-wave feminism, post-Vietnam resettlement, Latina/o immigration, movements for gay and lesbian rights, to name only a few—have refocused scholarly attention on the multicultural character of the United States.

For these important reasons, please approve the change in name from Program in American Culture to American Studies. Thank you.

American Culture/Studies Program

Steering Committee (Mar. 2004)

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