

Approved by the Board of Trustees,  
January 20, 2005

Board Meeting  
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DESIGNATE AFRICAN AMERICAN STUDIES AND RESEARCH PROGRAM,  
URBANA

**Action:** Approve the Redesignation of the Afro-American Studies and Research Program as the African American Studies and Research Program

**Funding:** No Funding Required

The Chancellor at Urbana with the advice of the Urbana-Champaign Senate recommends for approval a proposal from the Graduate College and the Afro-American Studies and Research Program to redesignate the Afro-American Studies and Research Program as the African American Studies and Research Program.

The proposed name change from Afro-American to African American brings the name in line with current nomenclature and more accurately represents the current field of study. The term Afro-American was commonly used in the 1960s but has not been widely used in either the academic field or larger society for three decades. The new title will make the program more relevant and understandable and reflect the current nomenclature of the academic field.

The Vice President for Academic Affairs concurs in this recommendation. The University Senates Conference has indicated that no further Senate jurisdiction is involved.

The board action recommended in this item complies in all material respects with applicable State and federal laws, University of Illinois *Statutes*,

*The General Rules Concerning University Organization and Procedure*, and Board of Trustees policies and directives.

The President of the University concurs, pending further review by the Illinois Board of Higher Education.