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TO: Faculty Council

FROM: S. B. Rolland, Professor of Social Science

SUBJECT: "Black Studies" Experimental Course change.

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Last semester, at a date too late for processing through normal channels, the Social Sciences Department (now no longer in existence) authorized, for the first semester, 1969-1970 only, the use of the course on the American Negro. At the time this appeared to be the best way to handle a situation which had some urgency and to respond to the frequently expressed desires of a number of students and faculty for instruction in this area.

"Man in a Nuclear Age" is a 2 credit non-repeatable course which will be offered, as originally conceived, for the first time during the second semester. A number of students have already indicated that they desire to take the course on the Negro, but they are concerned that they will then be excluded from taking "Man in a Nuclear Age" which is an entirely different course. Since both of the subject areas being offered under the single course number and title are in a sense experimental using volunteer labor and since in both instances the personnel involved would like to assume that enrollment is a reasonable reflection of interest, neither course should encumber the other.

There are two simple solutions to the problem. The entire question has been discussed with Dr. Coonrod and Mr. Frazer. Dr. Coonrod would endorse either solution and Mr. Frazer could live with the second but much prefers the first of the two alternatives recommended below. He thinks the ~~first~~ *second* would create complications for students at some future time and necessitate complicated explanations by his office.

ACTION REQUESTED OF FACULTY COUNCIL (either 1 or 2)

1. Authorize for the first semester 1969-70 only, the following catalog addition:
Social Science 103, "Black Identity: Alienation and Affirmation" with the following description.

A brief review of the Negro in American Society with emphasis on the concept of identity and the problems of alienation treated in both historic and contemporary perspective.

(If this alternative is accepted Social Science 101, first semester would be cancelled and Social Science 103 would be offered in its place.)

2. Allow the students registering for Social Science 101, "Man in a Nuclear Age" for the first semester 1969-70 (and only those students) to register for Social Science 101 one additional time at a future date, earning a total of 4 credits. (The intent of this rule would be to allow students taking "Man in a Nuclear Age" for "Black Studies" to take it also in the form originally conceived.)