



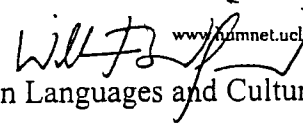
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RE: Proposal for a Department of Asian American Studies at UCLA

At its monthly meeting of 1 May 2002 the faculty of the Department of East Asian Languages and Cultures voted unanimously (13 for; 0 against; 9 absent; and 1 “other”—Dean Yu) in support of the efforts by the Interdepartmental Degree Program (IDP) in Asian American Studies to become a department. EALC is committed to continuing our department’s support for, and participation in Asian American Studies as it converts from an IDP to a department. Our vote was taken after careful consideration and discussion of the Asian American Studies IDP’s “Proposal for a Department of Asian American Studies at UCLA” (revised in April 2002). Our commitment of support assumes that the relationship between EALC and the proposed new department will continue on the same basis of understanding as we enjoyed with the IDP.

Specifically, we anticipate that one of our faculty members, Professor Shu-mei Shih, will continue to hold a 0% joint appointment in the proposed new department and that another one of our faculty members, Professor Thu-Huong Nguyen-Vo, will receive a 50-50 split appointment with the proposed new department upon tenure. The service of our faculty members in the proposed new department are not expected to occasion the need for release time or requests for additional budgetary support from within the university.

As stated in EALC’s 1999 letter of support of the IDP, EALC faculty greatly value our associations with Asian American Studies faculty and graduate students in both research and teaching. Several of our faculty share with Professors Shih and Nguyen-Vo a research interest in the trans-national linkages of culture across political boundaries, especially as seen in the interactions between Asia and Asian American communities. Therefore we appreciate this opportunity to affirm our continued support for this important academic unit.