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Dear Dr. Fan,

The Executive Committee of the Department of Psychology voted to continue its support and participation in the Interdepartmental Programs in Asian American Studies leading to the B.A., M.A., the minor and a concurrent M.A.-M.P.H degree with the School of Public Health.

The Department has discussed and agreed upon the following aspects of its commitment to the program. This commitment is made for a period of at least eight years. It is undertaken on the understanding that the Department will be represented on the Committee to administer the Interdepartmental Degree Program during this period and that the Department thereafter will reconsider the extent of its commitment in accordance with the procedures implied in this format.

Insofar as its overall needs permit, the Department will staff those courses that are included in the program(s), and will recruit replacement faculty as needed to fulfill its responsibility.

The Department will accommodate increased enrollments in its courses that may result from the admission of a reasonable number of undergraduate and graduate candidates in the program. Under these conditions, it does not anticipate the need to increase the frequency of relevant courses or adjust the scheduling of its courses.

The services of faculty members to the Interdepartmental Program will receive recognition, for purposes of merit increases or promotions, as equivalent to services within the department. The activities of Department members in connection with the program are not expected to occasion the need for release time or requests for additional budgetary support from University sources. The Department member who belongs to the core IDP faculty is Professor Cindy Yee-Bradbury.

Professor Cindy Yee-Bradbury's fields of expertise are neurocognition, emotion and stress in schizophrenia and affective disorders, using measures of event-related brain potentials and autonomic activity. She is currently a member of the Asian American IDP

Committee, a member of the Faculty Advisory Committee of the Asian American Studies Center and an active participant in the IDP who can be appointed as an inside member of M.A. thesis committees. In addition, the following members of our department regularly give courses in fields related to the program: Professors Steve Lopez, Patricia Greenfield, Jim Sidanius, David Sears, Yuen Huo, Tom Wickens, and Hector Myers.


We anticipate that Professor Yee-Bradbury's role in the IDP will be changing, however, as she will continue to offer the undergraduate course on Asian American personality and mental health only through the 1999-2000 academic year. We recognize that it would be of great benefit to the Department and the IDP if we could replace Professor Yee-Bradbury as well as Professor Stanley Sue, a former member of the Department and the IDP. Towards that end, the Clinical Psychology Area and the Department are proposing to search for a senior-level faculty member with an active program of research in the area of ethnic minority mental health and who would complement the research and teaching activities of Professors Lopez and Myers.

The following courses listed by the Interdepartmental Program are offered by our Department on a regular basis and satisfy the requirements of the Asian American Studies undergraduate and/or graduate programs:

M107/AA M117	Asian American Personality and Mental Health
129C	Culture and Mental Health
136B	Survey Methods in Psychology
142	Advanced Statistical Methods in Psychology
151	Computer Applications in Psychology
175	Community Psychology

The Psychology Department has had a long-standing cooperative arrangement with the Asian American Studies Interdepartmental Program which has been fulfilling for both faculty members and students. We are happy to continue our relationship with the program within the terms described above.

Sincerely,

  
Art Woodward,  
Professor and Chair