Dear Jacqueline:

The following information functions as addenda to the proposal for the major in Africana Studies and in response to the questions raised by the Provost's Management Group:

(i) Africana Studies Four-Year Curricular Plan: See attached, in adherence to the College of Humanities curricular plan used for academic advising of other student majors in the college.

(ii) Faculty Hiring: Africana Studies recently appointed a tenure-track Assistant Professor in the area of Aesthetics and Performing Arts (Theater, Dance, Music, and Media Arts) and plans on hiring another Assistant Professor in African American History (late 19th and 20th century history) this spring, filling two of our current faculty openings. These hires would bring the total number of tenured/tenure-track faculty in Africana Studies to five. We have two tenured faculty, one in the area of Literature and Culture and the other in Philosophy/Religion and Politics and Society. The written declaration by former University of Arizona President Koffler indicated that eight faculty lines plus a Director's line would be supported and funded by the university. We plan on hiring three new tenure-track faculty in the areas of Public Policy, Popular Culture, and Political Economy in the next two to three years to complete the hiring process in Africana Studies. Africana Studies would thus be well-positioned to offer an expansion of classes that meet the needs of growing majors and minors in Africana Studies. Until the remaining three tenure-track faculty are hired, we have four recent adjunct faculty hires in Africana Studies who all hold Ph.D. Degrees in the areas of popular culture, history, education, and anthropology, and five adjuncts who are ABC's teaching courses in Africana literature, research methods, and art and culture.

(iii) Student Enrollments: As the number of the majors in Africana Studies increases each year, we anticipate perhaps a slight drop in the number of minors from the current 85 minors that we have. However, Africana Studies sees no conflict or problem in this area, since student interest continues to grow exponentially each year and we do not foresee a radical reduction in the number of student minors. Almost all of our classes are optimally enrolled, including in the current academic year.

(iv) Library Holdings: Conversations with Karen Tallman, the Africana Studies and Humanities Librarian, have been ongoing for quite a few
years now. The library has continued to purchase updated volumes in Africana Studies that encompass a number of fields, especially history (see attached e-mail message from Karen Tallman regarding holdings). It purchased the most recent data base on Black Short Fiction in early spring and has 300+ data bases on Africana Studies.

In the area of African materials alone, we have upwards of 15,161 holdings in the library. The materials that encompass Latin America and the Caribbean are vast as well. The library continues to acquire the most recent Africana electronic journals and film and video in the field. Clearly, the intrinsic value of Africana Studies materials in fields like Religious Studies, Sociology, History, Political Science, and Anthropology, confirm that this is not an isolated academic area that will require substantially new amounts of funding, since acquisitions have continued at a steady pace over the past eight years.

(v) Updated support letters from the Deans of the Colleges of Humanities, Social and Behavioral Sciences, and Fine Arts for cross-listed courses with Africana Studies are forthcoming (Dean Ed Dennerstein from SBS recently underwent surgery and his letter will be delayed a couple of days).

Africana Studies looks forward to our Major proposal moving expeditiously through the Provost's Management Group, the Council of Deans, the Faculty Senate, and to the Arizona Board of Regents for the ABOR meeting in late May or June, so that we would be able to offer the major in the 2005-2006 academic year.

Thank you.

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Director, Africana Studies
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