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DEPARTMENT OF
GEOLOGY AND GEOGRAPHY

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MEMORANDUM

TO: David Ray, Chairman
Curriculum Committee

FROM: Jack C. Allen, President
Bucknell Chapter, AAUP

DATE: November 5, 1969

At the last meeting of the Bucknell Chapter, AAUP the following motion was passed:

That the President of the AAUP communicate in writing to the Curriculum Committee of the College of Arts and Sciences, requesting that an ad hoc committee be formed for the purpose of making recommendations on a Black Studies Program, including the advisability of a Black Studies major.

These recommendations should be submitted to the Faculty of Arts and Sciences by March 1, 1970.

Passed unanimously October 28, 1969.

Since the motion was passed I have been in touch with members of the committee that were elected to study programs, admissions policy, etc. for differently prepared students. It is my understanding that they intend to take up the report of the Manning Smith Committee as the first item of business and to specifically study the feasibility of a Black Studies Program. It is my understanding that the committee of six, which I shall further herein refer to as the Peterac Committee, will report back to the Academic Regulations Committee. A Black Studies Program could be approved by both or neither or approved by the Peterac Committee and rejected by the Academic Regulations Committee. In the event that both committees should approve, it is my understanding that their recommendations would have to be sent to the Curriculum Committee of the College of Arts and Sciences since a Black Studies Program would involve departments in the College of Arts and Sciences. For this reason I feel that it is important that the Curriculum Committee form a

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