PROPOSAL: Create the African American & African Studies Undergraduate Certificate

<u>Background</u>

The Undergraduate Studies Council of the Faculty Senate has approved the creation of the African American & African Studies Undergraduate Certificate offered by the Institute of Intercultural and Anthropological Studies in the College of Arts and Sciences.

With the increase in anti-DEI laws across the country, and Michigan being one of the few states that still allows DEI studies, there could be a potential market for a certification. Additionally, offering this program in an online modality and as WES courses allows students to obtain this certification flexibly, alongside their regular daytime classes, without needing to spend extra money on the courses.

Recommended Action

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