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Professor Peter Lange
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Dear Peter,

I am writing to inform you of action taken at the February 13th meeting of the Academic Programs Committee regarding the proposal to change the name of the Asian and African Languages and Literatures department to Asian & Middle Eastern Studies (AMES). The committee voted unanimously to approve the name change as described in the proposal document dated January 8, 2008. The committee was convinced this name change reflected changes in the department's central mission, and that moving the treatment of African languages to African and African American Studies was appropriate.

Thank you for the opportunity to participate in the review process.

Sincerely,

Lynn Smith-Lovin
Robert L. Wilson Professor of Sociology
Chair, Academic Programs Committee

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