

## **AMS Education Committee Report - January 2012**

Since the last report the Education Committee has only met once. We're currently working on a few projects as outlined below:

### *African Studies Initiative*

Together with the VP Academic's Office, representatives from the AUS and the African Awareness Initiative (AAI), we have put together a plan that aims at promoting an African Studies Major or an African Studies Center at UBC. The plan includes getting buy-in from different departments in the Faculty of Arts and presenting a comprehensive proposal that is supported by the different department to the Dean. The project is mainly lead by the AAI and the Education Committee is playing an advisory/support role.

### *Summer Semester*

The Education Committee felt that it's important to develop a policy around this issue that supports the current work of the VP Academic's Office. The policy will focus on encouraging the extension of the courses offered during the Summer, while calling on the university to consider the physical and mental health implications of intense courses.

### *Policy Making Guidelines*

The VP Academic's Office has prepared a very useful document to be used by their office and potentially Education and University & External Relations committees while making a policy. The committee was generally in support the initial draft and will work out a plan (together with U & ER Com) to make sure that the document gets utilized in the future.