

## UW Panel Nears Recommendation on Black Studies

A faculty committee tonight will complete its recommendation on the future of black studies courses at the University of Wisconsin.

The Faculty Committee on Studies and Instruction in Race Relations is studying proposed ways of distributing black-oriented courses in the University's curriculum.

Committee chairman Prof. Wilson B. Thiede refused to discuss the committee's Sunday meeting except to say that it had "continued to examine the document" and that several alternatives had been offered.

Thiede said Saturday that a majority of the committee favored the creation of a black studies department.

Weekend meetings were closed to the press, but it is known that the role of black and white students in establishing such a department has been a main concern.

History Prof. E. David Cronon has offered an interdisciplinary program that would spread black courses among departments, rather than creating a new department.

Creation of a department would have to be proposed by the University administration and then approved by the Coordinating Council on Higher Education and the Board of Regents.

Thiede said the committee will meet tonight at 7:30 or one hour after the conclusion of a special faculty meeting, whichever is later, to finalize its proposal.

He said he would give the document to the faculty secretary Tuesday morning for release to the faculty and public.