

Student Appointees to UW Black Studies Unit Doubted

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The chairman of the Madison campus Black Studies Department Steering Committee said Tuesday it is doubtful that students will be named to the committee this spring.

"It begins to look doubtful they'll be appointed this spring," said M. Crawford Young, the committee's chairman. Two students were to have been named to the committee by the Wisconsin Student Assn. (WSA).

BUT WSA Pres. David Schaefer has declined to make the appointments because the Black Council objects to the white majority of faculty members on the committee (4 to 3) and the fact the committee has a white chairman.

On May 1, the committee decided to allow seven non-voting student observers to sit in on committee meetings in an effort to end the deadlock, but the move apparently has been unsuccessful.

HORACE T. Harris, Black Council chairman, criticized the white majority on the committee and the fact its chairman is white. He made the criticism in a signed editorial in Tuesday's Daily Cardinal student newspaper.

Young said student observers have been invited to the committee's meetings, but thus far have not accepted the invitation. He noted, however, that WSA and the Black Council have been kept informed of committee deliberations.

The committee has met weekly since its members were named about a month ago. Young said he is hopeful that student members of the committee will be named this fall.

CREATION OF a Black Studies Department controlled by blacks, with students having a voice in personnel matters, was one of the black student demands made in February which was followed by campus disorders.

When creation of such a department was later approved by the faculty, it was stipulated that students would be a minority and would not have a voice in personnel matters.

Once three tenured faculty members are chosen by the Steering Committee, the committee will go out of existence.

Formal recognition of supporting documentation for the department will ultimately be required by the College of Letters and Sciences, Board of Regents and Coordinating Council for Higher Education (CCH), a procedure required of all new programs.