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May 9, 2005

Abbas Aminmansour, Chair
Senate Committee on Educational Policy
Office of the Senate
228 English Building, MC-461

Dear Professor Aminmansour:

Enclosed are copies of a proposal from the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences for renaming the M.A. degree program Russian and East European Studies to Russian, East European, and Eurasian Studies.

This proposal has been approved by the College Executive Committee and the Graduate College Executive Committee; it now requires Senate review.

Sincerely,

Keith A. Marshall, Ph.D.
Associate Provost

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Enclosures

c: C. Livingstone
D. Buchanan
A. Mester
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May 3, 2005

Keith Marshall
Associate Provost
Office of the Provost
207 Swanlund, MC-304

Dear Keith:

Enclosed is a proposal to rename the M.A. program in Russian and East European Studies to the M.A. program in Russian, East European, and Eurasian Studies. This proposal was approved by the Graduate College Executive Committee; I am sending it to you now for further review.

Yours truly,

Karen M. Carney
Associate Dean

Enclosure

c: A. Aminmansour
D. Buchanan
A. Mester
R. Wheeler

PROPOSAL TO THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATIONAL POLICY

TITLE OF THE PROPOSAL:

Renaming M.A. degree program "Russian and East European Studies" to "Russian, East European, and Eurasian Studies"

SPONSOR:

Russian, East European, and Eurasian Center (new name approved by Senate and Board of Trustees, March 2004)

Donna Buchanan, Associate Professor and Director, 3-1244 / buchana1@uiuc.edu

BRIEF DESCRIPTION:

Rename current M.A. degree program "Russian and East European Studies" to "Russian, East European, and Eurasian Studies." No other changes are proposed. The name change does not change the scope or requirements of the degree.

JUSTIFICATION:

The new name of the Center reflects the fact that since the collapse of the Soviet Union more than a decade ago, the term Russia can no longer (if it ever could) reasonably stand for all the former Soviet states. As a result, throughout the profession, it has become common to use the term Eurasia to refer to the newly independent states of the former Soviet Union, especially in the Caucasus and Central Asia (the Baltic states, Belarus, Ukraine, and Moldova are often now defined as "Eastern Europe") along with non-Soviet Central Asia (which the REES major has long included in its studies). This new name makes clear our continued inclusion in the major of these non-Russian Eurasian areas. This Center's name change was approved by the REEEC Executive Committee, the Senate, and the Board of Trustees. It is logical for the MA degree to be renamed accordingly.

BUDGETARY AND STAFF IMPLICATIONS:

None.

CLEARANCES: (Clearances should include signatures [sponsor, department head, dean] and dates of approval)

Donna A. Buchanan

Date: 10/20/2004

Sponsor and Department Head (Donna Buchanan)

Ann M. Mac

Date: 2/1/05

College of Liberal Arts and Sciences

Date: _____

Graduate School

Date: _____

Provost Office

PROPOSED EFFECTIVE DATE: Fall 2005