SPECIAL REPORT

of the

ACADEMIC MATTERS AND
ACADEMIC PRIORITIES COUNCILS

concerning a

PROGRAM NAME CHANGE:
SLAVIC AND EAST EUROPEAN STUDIES
TO
“SLAVIC, EAST EUROPEAN AND EURASIAN STUDIES”
AND A NAME CHANGE
OF THE MAJOR IN RUSSIAN AND EAST EUROPEAN STUDIES
TO
“RUSSIAN, EAST EUROPEAN AND EURASIAN STUDIES”

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The program in Slavic and East European Studies is proposing to change its name to "Slavic, East European and Eurasian Studies," and to change the name of the major in Russian and East European Studies to "Russian, East European and Eurasian Studies." The inclusion of the term "Eurasian" in the proposed new names better reflects the scope of the program's courses and the expertise of the participating faculty.

At its meeting on November 18, 2015, the Academic Matters Council voted unanimously to recommend Faculty Senate approval of the proposed Name Changes to “Slavic, East European and Eurasian Studies” and “Russian, East European and Eurasian Studies.” This proposal was submitted as #2129 in the Course and Curriculum Management System.

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Proposal #2129 was to change the name of the program in Slavic and East European Studies to "Slavic, East European and Eurasian Studies," and to change the name of the major in Russian and East European Studies to "Russian, East European and Eurasian Studies."

The APC recommended approval of this proposal at its meeting on December 17, 2015.

MOVED: That the Faculty Senate approve the Program Name Change from Slavic and East European Studies to “Slavic, East European and Eurasian Studies” and a Name Change of the Major in Russian and East European Studies to “Russian, East European and Eurasian Studies,” as presented in Sen. Doc. No. 16-027.
Provide a brief overview of Proposal.

To change the name of the program in Slavic and East European Studies to "Slavic, East European and Eurasian Studies," and to change the name of the major in Russian and East European Studies to "Russian, East European and Eurasian Studies."

Describe the existing requirements, listing any required courses, various means toward completion, and any other information relating to current practices.

n/a

Describe the proposed requirements, including all course requirements or other means toward completion, as well as any admissions or continuation requirements.

n/a

Provide a rationale for these revisions.

The proposed name of the program is more inclusive since it includes a reference to the Central Asian and Transcaucasian republics, their peoples and cultures through the term "Eurasian." Two UMass Amherst professors who participate in the present Slavic and East European Studies Program specialize in the Eurasian area, namely Audrey Altstadt (History), a specialist on Azerbaijan, and Regine Spektor (Political Science), a specialist on Central Asia. Two of our neighboring colleges, Mount Holyoke and Smith, include the term "Eurasian" in their respective departments of "Russian, Eurasian and East European Studies."

List the degree programs (majors) that will be affected by these revisions. If the proposal is to change University-wide requirements (such as General Education requirements), note that it will affect all majors.

Russian and East European Studies

If any programs or departments outside of the proposing college will be affected by the proposed revisions, describe those relationships here and include any memoranda of understanding from those colleges and departments as appendices to this proposal.

If this proposal requires no additional resources, say so and briefly explain why. If this proposal requires additional resources, explain how they will be paid for. For proposals involving instruction, indicate how many new enrollments are expected and whether the courses have room to accommodate them.

The proposal involves only a name change. The cost of eventual new stationery can be covered within the present budget of the Program in Slavic and East European Studies.

Attach any additional materials, including memoranda of understanding from affected departments outside your college here.