Memorandum

To: University Senate

From: Brian L. Winer, Chair
       Council on Academic Affairs

Date: April 5, 2007

A PROPOSAL FROM THE COUNCIL ON ACADEMIC AFFAIRS TO ESTABLISH THE CENTER FOR THE STUDY OF RELIGION

WHEREAS establishment of the Center for the Study of Religion will encourage and support scholarly research in religion by faculty members and graduate students across the University, and particularly within the College of Humanities; and

WHEREAS the emphasis will be on the dynamic aspects of religious systems and the importance of studying them within carefully nuanced understandings of the larger social and cultural contexts in which they exist; and the major research foci, unified by methodology and approach, would make this center distinctive among centers within the country; and

WHEREAS the center has the strong support of the Dean of the College of Humanities; and

WHEREAS the proposal adheres to the Guidelines for the Establishment and Review of Centers and Institutes; and

WHEREAS the proposal was approved by the Council on Academic Affairs on March 7, 2007.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the University Senate approve the proposal to establish the Center for the Study of Religion, and respectfully request concurrence from the Board of Trustees.