Memorandum

To: University Senate

From: Blaine Lilly, Chair
Council on Academic Affairs

Date: January 12, 2016

A PROPOSAL FROM THE COUNCIL ON ACADEMIC AFFAIRS TO ESTABLISH A
MASTER OF FILM STUDIES DEGREE PROGRAM, COLLEGE OF ARTS AND
SCIENCES

WHEREAS the Film Studies Program, housed in the Division of Arts and
Humanities, and linked to 17 units across the University –
departments, centers including the Wexner Center for the Arts,
and programs - proposes to create this degree as the next step in
the University’s work in cinema studies, supplementing an
undergraduate major and minor and a Graduate Interdisciplinary
Specialization; and

WHEREAS the program’s distinguishing feature it its multicultural,
international, and interdisciplinary scope, approaching cinema as
both art and as international social practice; and it will have two
basic purposes: to give students substantial advanced training in
film analysis, history and theory; and to give students an
opportunity to learn about various film-related disciplines and help
make an informed career choice; and

WHEREAS the proposal includes details on the curriculum (core and elective
courses), administrative arrangements, evidence of need,
prospective enrollment, and its fiscal dimensions; and

WHEREAS the proposal was reviewed and approved by the Graduate School,
and then by the Council on Academic Affairs at its meeting on
November 4, 2015; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the University Senate approve the proposal
to establish a Master of Film Studies degree program as proposed by the College of Arts
and Sciences, and respectfully seek approval from the Board of Trustees.