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To: University Senate
From: Kevin Evans, Chair, Council on Academic Affairs
Subject: Center Name Change
Date: March 19, 2021

A PROPOSAL FROM THE COUNCIL ON ACADEMIC AFFAIRS TO CHANGE THE NAME OF THE CENTER FOR SLAVIC AND EAST EUROPEAN STUDIES TO CENTER FOR SLAVIC, EAST EUROPEAN AND EURASIAN STUDIES

Whereas the Center for Slavic and East European Studies is an interdisciplinary center housed in the Office of International Affairs, is involved with graduate level curricular offerings, and has a strong research and outreach missions; and

Whereas East European and Eurasian area studies is facilitated by the presence of approximately 90 area specialist faculty members who teach over 250 different courses in languages and area studies; and

Whereas the Center's research and teaching mission has expanded to include 9 affiliate faculty with research and teaching that covers the region of Central Asia; and in 2003 began offering the Uzbek language through a course share program, but now offers courses to other institutions in the Big Ten Academic Alliance; and

Whereas the title change will reflect our growing to Central Asia as well as Eurasia more broadly and is aligned with titles of similar centers at peer institutions across the country; and

Whereas the proposal has the support of the Center's Advisory Council and from the College of Arts and Sciences, Fisher College of Business, College of Food, Agricultural and Environmental Sciences, John Glenn College of Public Affairs and the Moritz College of Law; and

Whereas the proposal was reviewed by a subcommittee then reviewed and approved by the Council on Academic Affairs at its meeting on February 17, 2021; and

Therefore be it resolved that the University Senate approve the proposal to change the name of the Center for Slavic and East European Studies to the Center for Slavic, East European and Eurasian Studies.