

M e m o r a n d u m

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 is 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.