



Proposal to the Senate Educational Policy Committee

PROPOSAL TITLE: Establish a New Joint Degree Program for the MA in Russian, East European, and Eurasian Studies, College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, and MS in Library and Information Science, School of Information Sciences.

SPONSORS:

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Linda Smith, Executive Associate Dean and Professor, Information Sciences, 333-7742, lcsmith@illinois.edu.

COLLEGE CONTACTS:

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BRIEF DESCRIPTION:

This program will enable the completion of two master's degrees, the MA in Russian, East European, and Eurasian Studies (REEES) and the MS in Library and Information Science, in 3 years rather than 4. The total hours of coursework required for both degrees will be 56 hours, rather than the 78 hours required if each degree were to be completed separately, in succession (40 for LIS, 38 for REEES). The additional REEES MA requirement of competency in Russian or another language of the region equivalent to 3 years of university study continues to apply to the joint degree.

JUSTIFICATION:

REEEC has fielded several inquiries in the past three years about this type of program, and in the past decade around five students have completed the two degrees in succession. Master's students in REEES take the required course, Russian, East European & Eurasian Bibliography and Research Methods (IS 530C). A very small number of students enrolled in the School of Information Sciences (iSchool) also take the class. This interaction has sparked mutual interest. This proposal addresses the expressed need and also presumes that when the joint degree becomes established it will attract a small number of students who might otherwise have gone to joint degree programs elsewhere (Indiana U has such a program). Finally, the establishment of this joint MA /

MS program will help lay the groundwork for further collaborations between the School of Information Sciences and the Russian, East European, and Eurasian Center (REEEC) in such fields as international and global informatics and digital humanities.

The Russian, East European, and Eurasian Center (REEEC) at Illinois was founded in 1959, under the leadership of Professor Ralph T. Fisher, Jr. Since its inception, REEEC has collaborated actively with the University Library, gradually building one of the world's leading research collections in our field, and training generations of scholars. The result is that REEEC currently is recognized worldwide as one of the leading centers for interdisciplinary research in our field, with the core of our reputation deriving from our strengths in language instruction, the humanities, and Library and Information Science. The proposed joint MA/MS program presented here leverages that strength to create a degree that will have great value for both students and employers alike. It will combine deep area studies training and language skills in less commonly taught languages (LCTLs) with superior preparation in the discovery, organization, preservation, presentation, and analysis of information. Many of our traditional funding partners, such as the Department of Education and the State Department, are looking for programs that provide exactly this kind of training. As a result, we believe that this program will help us attract students while also securing Illinois's hard won reputation as a center for excellence in the study of an important world region.

Throughout this proposal, REEEC refers to the Russian, East European, and Eurasian Center, as noted above, while REEES is the field it's in (Russian, East European, and Eurasian Studies, as it is generally known today; in our catalog, this goes by an older acronym, REES, for continuity reasons). FLAS refers to the Foreign Language and Area Studies grants provided through the Federal Title VI program, a mainstay of language support in less commonly taught languages since the 1960s.

The degree hours necessary to complete the joint degree is only 16 hours above the single existing REEES degree because the joint degree, like others on which it is modeled, can be structured so as to share many basic courses. In particular, this 56 hour structure—which is the same number of required hours as the joint degree in History and LIS approved by the Senate in March 2018—allows students to use most of their electives toward completing courses that count toward both degrees. In this joint degree, 28 credits remain from the 38 total hours required for the existing degree MA in REEES and 28 credits remain from the 40 total hours required for the existing degree MS in Library and Information Science. REEEC anticipates that this new joint degree will lead to a discontinuation of the REEES graduate minor, which requires 12 credits and which has only been completed by one student since its inception in June 2006. REEEC anticipates that this opportunity to earn two degrees simultaneously will be much more attractive to students than was the minor in REEEC.

Finally, the 24 core hours in REEES that students will choose to complete the joint degree will be selected in consultation with REEEC advisors, who have always played a large role in the existing MA degree. The REEEC MA has always been an interdisciplinary major in which most of the coursework is not REEES specific, but occurs within other disciplines based on their area content. REEEC maintains a website guide that students can use to

seek out courses: <https://reeec.illinois.edu/academics/courses/> . A list of existing 400 and 500-level (and 600- and 700-level LAW) courses that currently are approved for the 24 hours in the MA and will continue to be approved for the joint degree are listed in Appendix B of this proposal.

BUDGETARY AND STAFF IMPLICATIONS:

1) Resources

a. How does the unit intend to financially support this proposal?

We do not foresee this small program imposing additional financial burdens on either unit. Students will enroll in already-existing classes in both REEES and IS, which are not generally filled to capacity.

REEEC currently supports graduate students with a mix of FLAS Fellowships, GA appointments from its Title VI grant, and outside fellowship funding. Because the Department of Education has prioritized professional degree students in the past several years, students in this joint degree program will be competitive for FLAS Fellowships, and will furthermore be eligible for GA appointments at REEEC. Pursuant to the conditions set out in the Graduate College Handbook, neither unit will seek tuition reimbursement from the other.

b. How will the unit create capacity or surplus to appropriately resource this program? If applicable, what functions or programs will the unit no longer support to create capacity?

REEEC has capacity to enroll the anticipated 1–3 additional students enrolling each year in the program; the joint degree will enable REEEC to operate closer to capacity. The iSchool has four full-time staff members who oversee the more than 500 students in its existing graduate programs, and will be able to accommodate the students who will be enrolled in the new joint degree program.

Applicants to the joint program will be vetted through the regular admissions process in the respective units. Students will have designated advisors in the respective units. If a student should wish to transfer credit from one program to another (i.e., cease their pursuit of the MA/MS joint degree and pursue only the MA or MS, respectively), this is initiated through a petition to the Graduate College, which then changes the student's program code. No additional admission process is required. If the petition is approved, the student is then informed that he/she must complete all requirements for the degree in which he/she is now enrolled.

c. Will the unit need to seek campus or other external resources? If so, please provide a summary of the sources and an indication of the approved support.

REEEC will continue to apply for Title VI and FLAS funding, as it has

successfully for over half a century, and include GA appointments in those proposals. Additional campus resources will not be required.

- d. *Please provide a letter of acknowledgment from the college that outlines the financial arrangements for the proposed program.*

2) Resource Implications

- a. *Please address the impact on faculty resources including the changes in numbers of faculty, class size, teaching loads, student-faculty ratios, etc.*

The required courses, REES 550 and IS 530, are not currently enrolled to capacity and can absorb the additional 1–3 students of the joint program annually. Moreover, the graduate classes in both units that would be deemed electives for the joint degree are already being taught and have the capacity to absorb this small number of students. Students must be enrolled in each program for at least one semester, and must be in residence for at least two semesters, following campus policy on eligibility for a degree.

Currently 2–4 REEEC affiliated faculty members, whose home is in other departments, mentor REEES MA students for master’s theses each year. The additional students the joint degree program will attract may mean a small increase in the mentoring burden, which can easily be spread among the many REEEC affiliated faculty members.

- b. *Please address the impact on course enrollment in other units and provide an explanation of discussions with representatives of those units. (A letter of acknowledgement from units impacted should be included.)*

Current students are easily able to enroll in graduate courses in other disciplines (Slavic, History, Political Science, Anthropology, Art History, etc.) focused on the region. These courses are also not generally enrolled to capacity and can absorb a few additional students. In fact, as with the required courses, the additional students will allow these courses to operate at closer to their available capacity. A full list of these courses is included in Appendix B.

- c. *Please address the impact on the University Library (A letter of estimated impact from the University Librarian must be included for all new program proposals. If the impact is above and beyond normal library business practices, describe provisions for how this will be resourced.)*

This joint program does not require any new resources, as it combines the resources already available for two existing master’s programs. The University Library has the third largest collection in North America on the REEE region and is known for its unique support for researchers working on the region, provided by the Slavic Reference Service and in the annual Summer Research Laboratory. Master’s degree students in REEES and IS currently assist the Slavic Reference Service and receive training in the library. Former students are employed at the Library of Congress, U.S. Army

Intelligence, the National Security Archive, and the National Library of Bosnia-Herzegovina. This program will further solidify this pipeline for the training of library experts on the region. A letter is appended from the University Librarian.

- d. *Please address the impact on technology and space (e.g. computer use, laboratory use, equipment, etc.)*

The joint degree does not require any new resources, as it will draw upon resources that are already serving existing programs.

DESIRED EFFECTIVE DATE:

Fall 2018.

STATEMENT FOR ACADEMIC CATALOG:

**M.A. Russian, East European, and Eurasian Studies and
M.S. in Library and Information Science**

This joint master’s degree includes a program of language and area studies courses leading to an interdisciplinary Master of Arts degree in Russian, East European, and Eurasian Studies, as well as a program of study leading to the Master of Science in Library and Information Science. The joint degree matches area expertise with professional education, and prepares students for professional careers in all types of information organizations, including libraries.

The joint degree requires 56 credit hours divided between REEES and iSchool courses. A minimum GPA of 3.25 must be maintained throughout in order to remain in good academic standing.

REES 550: Seminar in REEES Studies	4
IS 501: Information Organization and Access	4
IS 502: Libraries, Information, and Society	2 or 4
IS 530: Information Needs of Particular Communities (section C-REEES Bibliography & Research Methods)	4
Core courses in Russian, East European, or Eurasian studies, including the thesis option. These credits must be earned in at least three different disciplines outside of REEES, with at least one course at the 500-level in addition to the thesis. Hours for the thesis, REES 599, may be included up to a maximum of 8; these hours cannot be counted towards the IS electives described below.	24
Elective IS courses, at least 12 hours of which must be at 500-level. These credits should be selected in consultation with an advisor who is a member of the iSchool faculty. Electives may include: IS 585 International Librarianship (4 hours) IS 591 Practicum (2 hours, satisfactory/unsatisfactory) IS 592 Independent Study (up to 4 hours)	16–18
Total Credit Hours:	56
Other Requirements:	
Language Requirement: third-year competency in Russian or another language of Eastern Europe or Eurasia. Credit hours from language courses do not count towards the degree. Students in the joint degree must be registered in each program for at least one semester.	
Minimum GPA: 3.25	

CLEARANCES:

John Randolph
Unit Representative: John W. Randolph, REEEC

Jan 30, 2018
Date:

Kelly Rife
College Representative: LAS

1-29-18
Date:

Mike H. Rineer
College Representative: iSchool

Jan 30th, 2018
Date:

[Signature]
Graduate College Representative:

3/20/18
Date:

Appendix A:

I. Current requirements for the individual degrees (78 hours)

REEES MA (38 hours)

REES 550: Seminar in REEES Studies	4
IS 530C: Russian, East European & Eurasian Bibliography and Research Methods	4
Core courses in Russian, East European, or Eurasian studies, including the thesis option. These credits must be earned in at least three different disciplines outside of REEES, with at least one at the 500-level in addition to the thesis. Hours for the thesis, REES 599, may be included up to a maximum of 8.	24
Electives, at least one must be at the 500-level.	6
Language Requirement: third-year competency in Russian or another language of Eastern Europe or Eurasia. Language courses cannot count toward the 24-hour core requirement, but can count toward the degree total.	
Minimum GPA: 3.25	
Total Credit Hours:	38

MS/LIS (40 hours)

IS 501: Information Organization and Access	4
IS 502: Libraries, Information, and Society	2 or 4
Electives, at least 12 hours of which must be at 500-level.	32–34
Minimum GPA: 2.75	
Total Credit Hours:	40

Appendix B: List of 400 and 500-Level Courses for the 24 hours of “Core courses in Russian, East European, or Eurasian studies”

Culled from master list of all REEEC approved courses, located at :
<http://reeec.illinois.edu/academics/courses/reees-area-studies-courses/>

Accountancy

ACCY 554	International Taxation
ACCY 557	Accounting Periods and Methods
ACCY 593	Special Research Problems

Agricultural and Consumer Economics

ACE 435	Global Agribusiness Management
ACE 436	International Business Immersion (BADM 436)
ACE 451	Agriculture in International Development
ACE 455	International Trade in Food and Agriculture
ACE 499	Seminar
ACE 556	Agricultural Policy and Political Economy
ACE 591	Independent Study

Advertising

ADV 400	Special Problems
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Anthropology

ANTH 402	Transnational Islam, Europe-US (Same as ASST 402 & RLST 409)
ANTH 416	Anthropology of Music
ANTH 488	Modern Europe
ANTH 499	Topics in Anthropology
ANTH 502	Ethnicity and Nationalism
ANTH 515	Seminar in Anthropology

Architecture

ARCH 411	Ancient Roman Architecture
ARCH 510	History of World Architecture
ARCH 511	Seminar in Ancient Architecture
ARCH 512	Seminar in Medieval Architecture

Art History

ARTH 445	European Art Between the Wars
ARTH 541	Seminar in Modern Art
ARTH 546	Seminar in Contemporary Art

Business Administration

BADM 582	Multinational Management
BADM 584	Global Marketing
BADM 586	International Comparative Management

BADM 590	Seminar in Business Admin
Comparative and World Literature	
CWL 471	International Literary Relations
CWL 502	Methods of Comparative Lit
Economics	
ECON 420	International Economics
ECON 450	Development Economics
ECON 551	Topics in Development Economics
ECON 590	Individual Study and Research (Selected topics of national and international significance)
Educational Policy Studies	
EPS 403	European Education to 1600 (same as HIST 444, MDVL 403)
EPS 424	Economics of Education
EPS 426	Comparative Education
EPS 530	Education and Globalization
EPS 533	Global Youth and Citizenship
European Union Studies	
EURO 501	EU Institutions and Governance
EURO 502	The EU in a Global Context
Finance	
FIN 451	International Financial Markets
FIN 551	International Finance
Graduate College	
GC 498	Graduate Domestic Study Away
GC 499	Graduate College Study Away
Geography	
GEOG 466	Environmental Policy
German	
GER 420	German Cultural History
GER 473	1920s to Today
GER 493	German Cinema I (MACS 493)
GER 494	German Cinema, II (MACS 494)
GER 496	Special Topics in German Studies
GER 575	20th Century German Studies
GER 593	Research in Special Topics
Human Development and Family Studies	
HDFS 595	Seminar in Human and Community Development
History	
HIST 401	History of Terrorism
HIST 433	History of Jews in the Diaspora (RLST 434)

HIST 439	The Ottoman Empire
HIST 444	European Education to 1600
HIST 450	European Working Class History (LIR 450, SOC 422)
HIST 461	Russia: Peter the Great to Revolution
HIST 462	Soviet Union Since 1917
HIST 466	The Balkans
HIST 467	Eastern Europe
HIST 498	Research and Writing Seminar
HIST 502	Problems in Comparative History
HIST 545	Seminar in Early Modern Europe
HIST 550	Problems in Early Modern European History
HIST 551	Problems in European History Since 1789
HIST 552	European Seminar Since 1789
HIST 560	Problems in Russian History
HIST 561	Seminar in Russian History
HIST 596	Individual Research Project
Information Science	
IS 490	Advanced Topics in Information Studies
IS 590	Advanced Problems in Information Sciences
Jewish Studies	
JS 501	Grad Intro to Jewish Culture
JS 502	Holocaust Genocide Studies
JS 551	Seminar in Jewish Culture
JS 552	Seminar Holocaust & Genocide
Law	
LAW 655	European Union Law
LAW 656	International Law
LAW 657	International Human Rights Law
LAW 793	Advanced Litigation Topics
LAW 795	Advanced Topics in Criminal Law
LAW 797	Intellectual Property Topics
Linguistics	
LING 505	Language Teaching Practicum
Labor and Employment Relations	
LER 566	International HR Management
Media and Cinema Studies	
MACS 410	Media Ethics
MACS 504	Theories of Cinema (CWL 504 & ENG 504)
Music	
MUS 410	Period Studies in Musicology
MUS 418	Regional Studies in Musicology

MUS 450	Advanced Ensemble Music
MUS 523	Seminar in Musicology
Nuclear, Plasma, and Radiological Engineering	
NPRE 480	Energy Security (GLBL 480)
NPRE 481	Writing on Technology & Security (GLBL 481)
NPRE 483	Seminar on Security (GLBL 483)
NPRE 498	Special Topics
Philosophy	
PHIL 411	Nineteenth Century Philosophy
Polish	
POL 446	Problems of Polish Literature (CWL 436)*
Political Science	
PS 408	Islam and Modern Society
PS 543	Global Democratization
PS 545	Politics of Post-Soviet States
PS 546	Comparative Political Behavior
PS 549	Topics in Comparative Politics
PS 581	International War
PS 582	International Political Economy
PS 583	International Organizations
PS 584	International Cooperation
PS 585	Conflict Management
PS 589	Topics in International Relations
PS 590	Research in Selected Topics
Russian, East European, and Eurasian Studies	
REES 477	Post-Communist Fiction
REES 493	Honors Senior Thesis
REES 495	Senior Seminar
REES 496	Topics in REEE Studies
REES 550	Seminar in Russian and East European Studies
REES 590	Individual Study or Research
REES 596	Topics in REEE Studies
REES 599	Thesis Research
Religious Studies	
REL 403	Women in Muslim Societies (ANTH, GLBL, GWS 403, & HIST 434)
REL 408	Islam and Politics in the Middle East
REL 480	Islamic Law
REL 482	Muslim-Christian Interactions

REL 483	Salvation in Islamic Thought
REL 494	Topics in Religious Thought
REL 496	Topics in the History of Judaism
Recreation, Sport, and Tourism	
RST 530	Critical Issues Tourism Management
Russian	
RUSS 418	Eighteenth-Century Literature
RUSS 424	Russian Modernism (CWL 457)
RUSS 438	Modern Russian Poetry
RUSS 444	Problems in Romanticism (Same as CWL 444)
RUSS 445	Problems in Realism (CWL 445)
RUSS 460	Russian Culture Studies (CWL 440)
RUSS 461	Russia and the Other*
RUSS 465	Russian-Jewish Culture*
RUSS 466	Russian Women's Writing*
RUSS 474	Russian Literary Translation
RUSS 511	Russian Literature 1800-1855
RUSS 512	Russian Literature 1855-1905
RUSS 535	Nabokov (CWL 535)
Slavic	
SLAV 417	11th-17th Century Russian Literature and Language
SLAV 419	Russian and East European Film (CINE 419, COMM 419)
SLAV 430	History of Translation
SLAV 452	Slavic Cultural Studies (Same as CWL 453)
SLAV 477	Post Communist Fiction
SLAV 525	Problems in Slavic Literature
SLAV 576	Methods in Slavic Graduate Study
SLAV 591	Individual Topics
SLAV 599	Thesis Research
Sociology	
SOC 562	Seminar in Transnational Studies
Theatre	
THEA 467	Contemporary Theatrical Forms
THEA 564	Studies in Theatre History: Twentieth Century
Turkish	
TURK 490	Special Topics in Turkish
Ukrainian	
UKR 498	Problems in Ukrainian Literature
Urban and Regional Planning	

UP 423

[Community Development in the Global South](#)

UP 455

[Economic Development workshop](#)

UP 494

[Special Topics in Planning](#)

UP 501

[Planning History and Theory](#)

Yiddish

YDSH 420

[Jewish Life-Writing \(CWL 421, HIST 436, RLST 420, SLAV 420\)](#)

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College of Liberal Arts and Sciences
Office of the Dean

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January 29, 2018

Wojtek Chodzko-Zajko
Dean, Graduate College
204 Coble Hall MC-322

Dear Dean Chodzko-Zajko:

The Committee on Courses and Curricula, on behalf of the Faculty of the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences has voted to approve the following proposal:

Establish a Joint Degree: MA in Russian, East European, and Eurasian Studies and MS in Library and Information Science in the School of Information Sciences

As outlined in the attached document, the Russian, East European, and Eurasian Center will use existing resources to serve this joint degree. Resources from the College are not needed to create or sustain this proposal. This proposal is now ready for review by the Graduate College.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kelly Ritter". The signature is written in a cursive style.

Kelly Ritter
Associate Dean

enclosure

C: Professor John Randolph
Dean Allen Renear

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School of Information Sciences
501 East Daniel Street
Champaign, Illinois 61820-6211

October 21, 2017

Financial Arrangements for the Proposed Joint Degree: MA in Russian, East European, and Eurasian Studies and MS in Library and Information Science in the School of Information Sciences

As we anticipate an initial enrollment of only two to three students and an enrollment at maturity of only four to six students, no additional financial arrangements are required. Students will enroll in already-existing classes, which in general are not filled to capacity.

Start-up: We expect an initial enrollment of only two to three students. The School already has the staff and faculty capacity to participate in this program.

Expansion and Maturity: As we anticipate an enrollment at maturity of only four to six students, consequently our ongoing participating in this program will not require any new staff and faculty, impose any additional financial burdens, or require any other financial arrangements.



Allen H. Renear, Dean and Professor
School of Information Sciences
University of Illinois at Urbana Champaign.

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and Dean of Libraries
230 Main Library, MC-522
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October 25, 2017

Allen Renear
Illinois School of Information Sciences
501 East Daniel Street
M/C 493

Dear Allen:

Thank you for providing the University Library with the opportunity to review the School of Information Sciences' proposal to the Senate's Committee on Educational Policy to establish two new joint degree programs. The proposals that were delivered to us included both a proposal to establish a joint MA in History/MSLIS and a joint degree with the successful candidates receiving a degree in Russian, East European, and Eurasian Studies (REEEC) and a MSLIS from the iSchool.

Based upon the proposals that we received on October 17, 2017, we conclude that there will be no substantive impact on existing library resources: we have both strong collections in this area and a service structure that is an exemplar among other research institutions.

These programs, however, are not like other programs in terms of potential impact on the University Library. That is because members of the University Library's faculty are frequently called upon to teach core courses (as an overload) in the proposed programs. Assuming that such faculty with such skills remain available and willing to teach in the University Library, we anticipate few challenges in supporting these programs. They constitute an important part of the pipeline for area studies specialists in research libraries, and Illinois has long been a strong source of such individuals in this field.

We all look forward to collaborating with you on this endeavor.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'William H. Mischo'.

William H. Mischo
Acting Dean of Libraries and University Librarian
Berthold Family Professor in Information Access and Discovery

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March 15, 2018

To Whom It May Concern:

I write in full support of the proposed new joint Degree program for the MA in Russian, East European, and Eurasian Studies, College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, and MS in Library and Information Science, School of Information Sciences. This program will enable the completion of two master's degrees, the MA in Russian, East European, and Eurasian Studies (REEES) and the MS in Library and Information Science, in 3 years rather than 4.

Part of the proposed program would enable students to take classes, if they were interested, in Russian and Soviet Art History. The program in Art History would welcome these students into our graduate seminars; there would be no issues with enrollment.

Sincerely,

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Terri Weissman
Associate Professor and Program Chair, Art History
Unit for Criticism and Interpretative Theory
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Linguistics

March 16, 2018

The Graduate College Executive Committee:

The Department of Slavic Languages and Literatures fully supports the establishment of the proposed joint M.A.-M.S. degree in REEES and Library and Information Science. We see no obstacles that such a program would create to our offerings--in fact, we can only anticipate a positive effect of this new program and would be happy to see it go forward.

Sincerely,



Valeria Sobol,
Associate Professor and Head,
Department of Slavic Languages and Literatures

From: [Randolph, John W](#)
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Date: Fri, 16 Mar 2018 21:06:29 +0100

From: Crowston, Clare H <crowston@illinois.edu>

To: Randolph, John W <jwr@illinois.edu>

Dear John,

I wanted to confirm by email that the History Department supports REEEC in its proposal for a joint masters degree with the I-School. We see no conflict with the recently approved joint Masters of Arts in History and Masters of science in Library and Information Sciences. We loom forward to working with you to publicize these new degrees.

My best,

Clare Crowston
Professor and Chair
History Department

Sent from my iPhone

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March 29, 2018

Gay Miller, Chair
Senate Committee on Educational Policy
Office of the Senate
228 English Building, MC-461

Dear Professor Miller:

Enclosed is a copy of a request from the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences and the School of Information Sciences to establish the joint Master of Arts in Russian, East European, and Eurasian Studies and Master of Science in Library and Information Sciences.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'Kathryn A. Martensen'.

Kathryn A. Martensen
Assistant Provost

Enclosures

c: J. Hart
A. McKinney
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March 19, 2018

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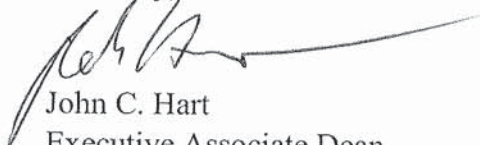
Dear Kathy,

Included is a proposal from the College of Liberal Arts & Sciences to “**Establish a Joint Degree Program for the MA in Russian, East European and Eurasian Studies and the MS in Library and Information Sciences**”.

The proposal was received on February 7, 2018 and reviewed at the Graduate College Executive Committee meeting on February 16, 2018. The committee approved the proposal, pending receipt of letters of support from the areas that offer the core courses for the REEES program (Art History, Slavic Languages and Literatures, and History).

Those letters have now been received and are included in the attached proposal. We have found that this proposal meets the standards of Graduate Education at Illinois and we now forward for your review.

Sincerely,



John C. Hart
Executive Associate Dean
Graduate College

c: J. Randolph
L. Smith
K. Ritter
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