

Dear Connie:

As a follow-up to our earlier email exchange, I am writing to request that the Programs Committee consider approving a hiatus for the B.A. Program in Russian (BA5224).

Hiatus Proposal for Russian Major Program (BA5224)

Rationale for the hiatus: We have very low enrollments in the Russian major, frequently insufficient to fill a class section, and we find ourselves unable to offer adequate courses to the majors without resorting to unpaid independent studies. We have come to the conclusion that in the long term, this situation is unsustainable.

Current number of Russian majors: 6

Teach-out plan: Russian faculty will continue to offer independent studies as necessary (as they have been doing) until all current majors have completed their degrees. In some cases, where appropriate, students studying abroad in third-party-provider programs may also transfer in a limited number of course credits toward the major as well.

Informed parties: I have discussed the hiatus with Russian coordinator Dr. Mila Shevchenko and with my departmental advisory committee, who have all agreed that this is the proper course of action at this time. I have cc'd on this email a number of potentially interested parties including Interim Dean Joe Shields, Associate Dean Laurie Hatch, Interim Assistant Dean Randy Price, Registrar Deb Benton, and Admissions Director Kevin Witham in order to ensure they are aware of this request, and to allow all an opportunity to provide feedback or ask questions. If there are other parties I have inadvertently omitted, I will gladly include them.

If there is any additional information I can provide to the Programs Committee, please let me know, and I will be more than happy to supply it.

Sincerely yours,

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