

Board Meeting
January 19, 2012

RENAME THE DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY IN SLAVIC LANGUAGES AND LITERATURES, COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS AND SCIENCES, CHICAGO

Action: Approve the Renaming of the Doctor of Philosophy in Slavic Languages and Literatures, College of Liberal Arts and Sciences

Funding: No New Funding Required

The Vice President, University of Illinois and Chancellor, University of Illinois at Chicago with the advice of the Chicago Senate, the Graduate College, and the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences recommends the renaming of the Doctor of Philosophy in Slavic Languages and Literatures as the Doctor of Philosophy in Slavic Studies, College of Liberal Arts and Sciences.

The change in nomenclature better reflects the focus of the program, both in Polish and Russian, with interdisciplinary critical approaches and research methods. Two new concentrations, Polish Literature and Culture and Russian Literature and Culture correspond with the department's present areas of strength, which are areas that it wishes to continue to strengthen in the future.

By renaming the Ph.D. program "Slavic Studies," the unit establishes a clear continuation with the Master of Arts in Slavic Studies. Students who enter the Ph.D. program directly from the Bachelor of Arts will as a result receive an M.A. and a Ph.D. in Slavic Studies, avoiding any possible confusion regarding the design and intellectual goals of the programs.

The Board action recommended in this item complies in all material respects with applicable State and Federal laws, University of Illinois *Statutes, The General Rules Concerning University Organization and Procedure*, and Board of Trustees policies and directives.

The Vice President for Academic Affairs concurs with this recommendation. The University Senates Conference has indicated that no further Senate jurisdiction is involved.

The President of the University recommends approval. This action is subject to further review and approval by the Illinois Board of Higher Education.