

Board Meeting
January 31, 2019

RENAME THE DEPARTMENT OF SLAVIC AND BALTIC LANGUAGES AND
LITERATURES, COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS AND SCIENCES AND THE
GRADUATE COLLEGE, CHICAGO

Action: Rename the Department of Slavic and Baltic Languages and Literatures, College of Liberal Arts and Sciences and the Graduate College

Funding: No New Funding Required

The Chancellor, University of Illinois at Chicago, and Vice President, University of Illinois with the advice of the Chicago Senate, College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, and the Graduate College recommends the renaming of the Department of Slavic and Baltic Languages and Literatures as the Department of Polish, Russian, and Lithuanian Studies.

The new department name reflects the three main areas of faculty specialization: Poland, Russia, and Lithuania. The change in name also reflects the shift away from a linguistic principle of organization toward a geopolitical one, specific countries and their regions, and their cultural movements and cultural production (including literature, film, and aesthetic movements). This is a shift reflected in the field of study and will align the department with those at peer institutions. The change will also clarify academic and professional pathways for undergraduate students and will be more directly relevant to communities in Chicago.

The Board action recommended in this item complies in all material respect 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 Executive Vice President and 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.