TO: John Antel, Dean, College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences
FROM: Harry Walsh, Director, Program in Russian Studies
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SUBJECT: Proposal elimination of the B.A in Russian Studies

The undergraduate degree program in Russian Studies was initiated thirty years ago with the major component comprised of courses offered in Economics, Geography, History, Political Science, and Russian. For the past two years four required courses in that degree have not been offered, and there are no plans for them to be offered in the future. They are: HIST 3395 (Russia under the Tsars), HIST 3395 (20th Century Russian Revolutions), POLS 3325 (Government and Politics of Russia), and POLS 3332 (Russian and Soviet Foreign Policy).

For the past year I have not permitted students who have not yet completed those four courses to declare a major in Russian Studies. Accordingly, I recommend that a request be made of the Undergraduate Council for the elimination of the B.A. in Russian Studies from the list of CLASS degree programs and from the Undergraduate Studies Catalogue.

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