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**REQUEST TO TERMINATE BACHELOR OF ARTS PROGRAM IN RUSSIAN AND EAST  
EUROPEAN STUDIES AT THE UNIVERSITY OF NORTHERN IOWA**

**Action Requested:** Consider approval of the request by the University of Northern Iowa to terminate the Bachelor of Arts Program in Russian and East European Studies.

**Executive Summary:** The request to terminate the Program is based on the fact that, during the past 10 years, there have been only four graduates from the Program and limited interest in the Program. Currently, there is one student enrolled in the Program. This student is expected to complete the Program during the 2008-09 academic year, and the courses needed by this student to complete the Program will continue to be offered. This request was reviewed by the Board Office and the Council of Provosts and is recommended for approval. The current student will not be affected by the proposed program termination. This request addresses the Board of Regents Strategic Plan strategy (4.1.1) to "pursue opportunities to realize greater efficiency in operations, consistent with best practices in the delivery of education and other services."

**Background:**

- ◇ **Description of program.** The Bachelor of Arts Program in Russian and East European Studies is a multidisciplinary program that offers students an introduction to many of the core fields of a liberal arts education through the lens of a particular country - Russia. Students acquire breadth and depth in their knowledge of Russia and of various fields of study, such as history, political science, language, and literature. The Program is offered jointly by the College of Humanities and Fine Arts and the College of Social and Behavioral Sciences.
- ◇ **Reallocation of resources.** All program resources will be re-allocated to other offerings in the College of Humanities and Fine Arts and the College of Social and Behavioral Sciences.
- ◇ **Reason for proposed termination.** There has been very limited demand for the Program. Currently, the faculty are investigating the possibility of a broader programmatic offering in "global studies."
- ◇ **Suspension of admissions.** If the proposed program termination is approved by the Board, suspension of admissions to the Program will become effective immediately. However, the proposed program termination will not become effective until the currently enrolled student completes the Program. All course offerings needed by the student will be continued.