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**REQUEST FOR A NAME CHANGE AT THE UNIVERSITY OF IOWA**  
**DEPARTMENT OF ASIAN LANGUAGES AND LITERATURE TO**  
**DEPARTMENT OF ASIAN AND SLAVIC LANGUAGES AND LITERATURES**

**Action Requested:** Consider approval of the request by the University of Iowa to change the name of the Department of Asian Languages and Literature to the Department of Asian and Slavic Languages and Literatures.

**Executive Summary:** The proposed name reflects the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences' consolidation of small units into larger ones to reduce administrative overhead; it also describes the Department's offerings more accurately. The proposed name will not have any negative effect on students. This request has been reviewed by the Board Office and the Council of Provosts and is recommended for approval. This report addresses the Board's Strategic Plan objective (1.1) to "offer high-quality programs through ongoing program improvement for undergraduate, graduate, professional, and non-degree students and special school students."

**Background:**

- ◇ **Russian Program.** The Russian Program has only two tenured faculty members and is now administered by the Department of Asian Languages and Literature. The proposed name reflects innovations that the Russian Program faculty have introduced to offer instruction in Slavic languages and literatures on campus and through the CIC<sup>1</sup> course share program.
- ◇ **No new degree programs.** The proposed name change will not result in any new degree programs. The department will continue to offer the following degrees – M.A. in Asian Civilization; M.A. in Russian<sup>2</sup>; B.A. in Asian Languages and Literature; B.A. in Russian; Minor in Asian Languages; and Minor in Russian.
- ◇ **Curriculum.** The curriculum for the B.A. in Russian includes the option of coursework in Slavic languages (Polish, Czech, Croatian) and literature from East European culture.

Details about the proposed name change are available in the Board Office.

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<sup>1</sup> Committee on Institutional Cooperation.

<sup>2</sup> Admissions to this program were suspended by Board of Regents action in November 2001.