



Date: November 5, 2021

To: Hossein Saiedian, University Senate President
Faculty in the Department
Barbara A. Bichelmeyer, Provost & Executive Vice Chancellor

From: Karen Moeller, Chair Academic Policies and Procedure committee

Re: Program Discontinuance in the Center for Russian, East European and Eurasian Studies (CREES)

In Accordance with University Senate Rules and Regulations USRR 8.2, the Academic Policies and Procedure committee (AP&P) has reviewed the documentation and held an open public hearing on September 29, 2021 regarding the recommendation to discontinue the following active programs in the Center for Russian, East European and Eurasian Studies (CREES) in the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences at the University of Kansas:

- Co-Major in Russian, East European and Eurasian Studies
- MA in Russian, East European and Eurasian Studies
- BA in Russian, East European and Eurasian Studies
- Graduate Certificate in Russian, East European and Eurasian Studies

In the submitted documentation titled "Recommendations for Discontinuance of an Active Academic Program", CREES plans to merge all its degree programs within the Department of Slavic and Eurasian Languages and Literatures (SELL). The above degrees (BA, MA and minor) will be changed to a concentration in SELL. The co-major and graduate certificate will be discontinued completely.

At the public hearing on September 29, 2021, one faculty member spoke in favor of the proposed changes and the opportunities for merging of CREES into SELL. No written statements were submitted for committee review.

On October 22, 2021, the AP&P Committee met to discuss the submitted documentation and the hearing. AP&P recommends by a majority vote that the Co-major, MA, BA, and Graduate Certificate Programs in Russian, East European and Eurasian Studies be discontinued

The recommendation to discontinue is made with the understanding that students currently enrolled in the program will be allowed to complete their degrees and that a concentration in Russian, East European and Eurasian Studies will be allowed in the SELL department. Additionally, no faculty or staff will be terminated by this action.

Documentation Reviewed by the Committee:

1. Recommendation for Discontinuance of an Active Academic Program, August 20, 2021
2. Program Review, February 2021

C: John Colombo, Interim Dean, College of Liberal Arts and Sciences