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To: Administrative Boards

From: Jonathan Hess, Chair
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Re: New Subject Codes

In cooperation with a request from the UNC Center for Slavic, Eurasian, and East European Studies (the Center), the Department of Germanic and Slavic Languages and Literatures would like to create two new subject codes:

KAZK: Kazakh

UKRN: Ukrainian

The Center is applying for Title VI funding from the U.S. Department of Education. This grant supports instruction in Less Commonly Taught Languages.

The Center would like to strengthen their grant proposal by showing that the University will shortly begin to offer first- and second-year Ukrainian and Kazakh (course numbers 401, 402, 403, and 404). In order to demonstrate institutional commitment, the Center needs to be able to indicate in their proposal that the courses will be available to be offered starting in Fall 2018.

The Center, itself, does not offer courses; however, these two subject areas fit well within the rubric of Germanic and Slavic languages and literatures. Thus, we support this effort, and would be willing to house the courses in the Department of Germanic and Slavic Languages and Literature.

Both languages would count toward the Slavic and East European Languages and Cultures subplan of the GSSL major, as well as toward the Slavic and East European Cultures minor. In addition, the Ukrainian language course would supplement relevant area studies courses in History, Political Science, Economics, and Global Studies. The Kazakh language course would be the first major Central Asian language offered at UNC and it would supplement courses on the region in History and Global Studies.

The Center has identified a significant pool of available and qualified instructors able to offer two years of instruction in Ukrainian, as well as several available and qualified instructors able to teach elementary and intermediate Kazakh. If the Center's efforts to obtain Title VI funding are successful, the department will step up efforts to expand both pools of applicants with minimum qualifications that would include at least an MA degree or its foreign equivalent.