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Dear Rebecca,

On behalf of Dick Davis, **NELC's** chair, this is to indicate NELC's concurrence with the new course request for **History 341**, The Silk Road: Commerce and Culture in Eurasia. Dr. Davis was asked to attach the remarks of Professor Morgan Liu, whose expertise in Central Asian studies is most relevant to this new course request, and who is planning to propose one of his own:

"This history course is fine with me, because it goes to the end of the 15th century. I do not have a syllabus yet for my course, but it will focus on 19th century to present. I plan to start with Chingiz Khan himself and move forward in time quickly until the 19th century, so there will be some time overlap, but only in order to outline the significance of the Chingisid legacy for the Inner Asian region.

"And so, our two courses COMPLIMENT EACH OTHER, and would form an excellent pairing for students. I would ask the history department now that when my course is submitted for approval and concurrence, that they recognize the complimentary nature. My hope is that we will refer students of one to the other, so enrollments will be mutually bolstering.

"As for title, I was hoping to use the term "silk road" in my course as a metaphor for cultural and economic connectivity across the Eurasian continent. But the term is more appropriate for History 341, and I surrender claim on that term, and will use another. One possibility will be "From Genghis Khan to the Taliban" (not my original idea), or something catchy like that.

"And so, **I concur**, and ask the History Department for their willingness to concur when my course is up for approval. Please indicate that to them (with my explanations) in your formal concurrence statement."

Many thanks,
Stafford Noble