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Dear Provost Smith:

Our existing course, Economics 508 (Transition Economies), was recently approved for GEC status and I expect that Economics H596 (Undergraduate Research), also an existing course, will be approved for an increase in credits very soon. Both courses are being offered in Winter 2010. This letter is to ask for an exception so that students taking the Winter 2010 offering of these courses and wishing to satisfy the GEC or receive 5 credits be allowed to do so. While I realize that the course changes were not in by the OAA deadline, they will both be taught according to their new designs, so that the content will be appropriate for the GEC and the larger number of credits and surely there will be students enrolled in Winter 2010 who will benefit from receiving GEC credit or the additional hours.

If I can be of additional help, please feel free to contact me at weinberg.27@osu.edu or 614.657.1399. I appreciate your consideration.

Sincerely,

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