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Dear Bernadette and Garrett,

I hope this message finds you well. I hereby send you the final proposal for the proposed revisions to the AAAS Graduate Programs.

We are incredibly grateful for the support and feedback both of you, as well as Tim Watson of the Graduate School, have given us during this process. As you will see, this proposal reflects the various phases of feedback we have been given and the proposed revisions now comply with all the Graduate School regulations.

The document first lays out the existing program structures, proceeds by explaining the problems with this set-up, and then gives an overview of the proposed new MA, PhD, and graduate minor programs respectively. We then lay out the effects of the proposed revisions on course scheduling. The main body of the proposal ends with a schematic overview of the revisions.

One note of clarification: as you will see, the information about the previous organization of the programs is at times conflicting (for example, the description of the course requirements not align with the content of the Program of Study forms.) This is not because of some kind of confusion on our part while working on this document, but because it reflects the reality of multiple co-existing (and conflicting) interpretations of the requirements of the programs. We have opted not to 'hide' these structural issues, but instead give you a clear sense of them, since they are an important motivator for the proposed revisions.

Please let me know if you have any questions or concerns,

Sarah Van Beurden