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**Subject:** New Specialization in Russian for the Professions  
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Dear Professor Brintlinger,

At its meeting on 26 March 2020, the combined GS/CAA curriculum subcommittee, which I chair, reviewed the proposal for a new Russian Language and Culture for the Professions MA. On that day, I wrote to ask for clarification on whether the intent of the proposal was to offer a new master's degree in Russian Language and Culture for the Professions, or instead to offer a new scripted specialization for the existing master's degree offered by the Department of Slavic and East European Languages and Cultures. In a conversation between you, me and Professor Hashamova on Friday, 1 April 2020, we confirmed that the intent of the proposal is to offer the existing MA with a transcript designation of the specialization 'Russian for the Professions.'

Given that intent, the subcommittee is fully supportive of the proposed program, and requests the following clarifications and revisions to the proposal.

1. The subcommittee notes that aspects of the document that seem to propose a separate, new degree should be revised to indicate that a new specialization is being proposed. For example, references to the degree as 'a new MA in Russian Language and Culture for the Professions,' could be changed to 'a new graduate specialization in Russian for the Professions.' In the current proposal, the new program is referred to by several different names. Please use a single name across all documents. It is not necessary to revise titles in the support letters from the college.
2. In the assessment plan (my pdf document pp. 9-11), the rubric for Learning Goal #1 is complete and clear. The subcommittee requests that the rubrics for learning goals 2 and 3 be made similarly specific.
3. The current proposal provides two advising sheets, one for Russian for the Professions MA and another for Slavic and East European Cultures MA. Please provide a comparison table detailing the differences between the current MA program and the proposed MA program with the new specialization.

When you submit your revised proposal, please include a cover letter that points the subcommittee to the locations in the document where revisions have been made to address our requests. Upon receipt of the revised proposal, the subcommittee will revisit and, if satisfied, move this forward to the Graduate Council for their review and approval, and then to CAA for theirs. I will keep you informed of your proposal's progress.

Best,  
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