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Dear Tony:

I am writing in my capacity as Director of the OSU Foreign Language Center and on behalf of the chairs of the foreign language departments in the College of Humanities. As you know from our meeting with you earlier this year, the foreign language chairs gave their strong support to your proposal to allow student to double major in international studies. We are particularly supportive of the proposal because it allows, indeed encourages, students to combine thematic majors such as Development or Security and Intelligence, for example, with regional specializations. As such, students will gain an in-depth understanding of the social and cultural factors contributing to these broader themes. In addition, we are pleased that UISP will require students who take this double major to take 10 additional hours of language courses per major (for a total of 20 hours beyond 104). The double major in combination with increased language and cultural courses will result in students who are even better equipped to function in professional settings where they need to combine domain expertise with cultural and linguistic competencies.

Please let me know if you need additional information or have questions.

Sincerely,

Diane W. Birckbichler
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