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Dear Dr. Mills:

On behalf of the Center for Slavic and East European Studies and the M.A. in Slavic and East European Studies, I am writing to support the instruction of the Uzbek language at OSU and the designation of this instruction as the permanent courses: Uzbek 101, 102, 103, 104, 201, and 202.

As a Title VI National Resource Center, CSEES has been committed to increasing Central Asian Studies at OSU. CSEES has provided the primary financial and administrative support to the Uzbek program, which was housed in the Department of Slavic and East European Languages and Literatures; and, it has also been the primary benefactor of its instruction, as most of the students enrolled in Uzbek have been M.A. candidates in Slavic and East European Studies.

In the future, we expect that our students will continue to take Uzbek. In fact, in AY 2007-08 alone, 4 of our M.A. students have received funding to take Uzbek instruction at either the 1st or 2nd year level and therefore are obliged to do so. Central Asian Studies as a whole has become more popular with our students, especially with those interested in pursuing a career in Security/Intelligence. If Uzbek as a 2-year course is approved, then our students will be able to use it as their primary language of instruction, thus furthering the amount of M.A. candidates interested in taking Uzbek.

I would like to stress that up to now, Uzbek was offered via videoconferencing with Indiana University. This meant that all students registered to take Uzbek were required to be on campus at least one month before regular OSU classes began. Also, many other scheduling differences occurred. In addition, Uzbek language instruction was offered as EEURLL 671D, which we believe was 'hidden' to the majority of students scheduling courses. In addition, almost no advertising was done to inform students that Uzbek was offered.

CSEES plans to use development funds in AY 2007-08 to support Uzbek instruction. If necessary, CSEES will continue to support the instruction of the language in the future, depending on student enrollments. CSEES is also committed to expanding the course offerings in Central Asian Studies throughout the university. We will continue to support positions of experts in Central Asia, which will hopefully continue to increase enrollments in Uzbek.

Making Uzbek a permanent course at OSU will only help to promote Uzbek instruction as well as Central Asian Studies. We feel that this is a necessary step to promoting knowledge of the region. Acceptance of the courses as permanent would not only benefit NELC, but the entire OSU community, including CSEES.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Halina Stephan". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned below the word "Sincerely,".

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April 13, 2007

Prof. Margaret Mills
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Dear Prof. Mills,

It has come to our attention that the Department of Near Eastern Languages and Cultures is proposing to provide a permanent home for the teaching of the Uzbek language on our campus. Please know that my office and college highly endorse this proposal. Over the past five years, we have had a number of visiting scholars from Uzbekistan who have been affiliated with our Department of Agricultural, Environmental and Development Economics. As a result of their visits, we have agreements with the Tashkent State University of Economics and the Tashkent State Agrarian University, as well as the Samarkand Agricultural Institute. We have also hosted scholars from the Bukhara State University.

We anticipate continuing to host scholars from these institutions as well as to continue to send our faculty to work with them in Uzbekistan. I, along with Prof. Allan Lines, Rattan Lal and Rafiq Islam, have worked with these institutions over the past five years. We will soon be publishing the proceedings from a major workshop held on this campus in November, 2005 which dealt with climate change and carbon sequestration in Central Asia, and involved a number of presentations by Uzbek researchers.

We appreciate this opportunity to support the proposal and hope that it will become effective. This program will help us with our initiatives in Uzbekistan.

Yours sincerely,

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April 14, 2007

Margaret Mills
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Dear Margaret,

I understand that the Department of Near Eastern Languages and Cultures proposes to provide a permanent home for the teaching of the Uzbek language. This initiative that involves a two-year sequence of elementary and intermediate instruction in Uzbek including Uzbek 101-104 (to be submitted for GEC status), 201 and 202 is timely and important. It will contribute directly to the University's standing as a leader in language education and contribute to the Mershon Center's attractiveness as a place to study international security. Uzbek is a language few Americans can speak and a language the United States government has identified as important for the country's future well being. It figures prominently in both the world economy and the future politics of Eurasia and the Middle East. I strongly concur with your effort to create a home at Ohio State for the teaching of Uzbek. I hope this will go forward.

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April 16, 2007

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Re. Support for Uzbek 101-104 and 201-202

Dear Margaret,

On behalf of the Department of East Asian Languages and Literatures, I am writing to express our support and concurrence on the proposal by your department to offer the six-course sequence in Uzbek language. It is our understanding that Uzbek 101-104 are being proposed for GEC status and that with Uzbek 201 and 202, this would be a six-quarter sequence, effective AY 2007-08.

Uzbek is an important language of Central Asia. Offering of Uzbek language courses would compliment well the East Asian focus that DEALL has as well as the focus on Slavic region by faculty and students in the department of Slavic and East European Languages and Literatures. The availability of Uzbek would be of interest to our faculty and graduate students interested in comparative linguistics as well.

DEALL is interested in expanding the teaching of less commonly taught languages on this campus. We have been offering classical Tibetan through the CIC course share. Your plan to offer Uzbek is an attractive addition as we endeavor to make OSU a premier institution on global perspectives and engagements.

With best wishes,

Mari Noda
Chair



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Professor Margaret Mills
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18 April 2007

Dear Margaret,

This note conveys International Studies' enthusiastic concurrence for NELC's proposal to add Uzbek 101 to 104 to its curriculum. We will be happy to do all we can to make this initiative a success.

Sincerely,

Anthony Mughan
Director, International Studies &
Professor, Political Science



19 April 2007

Dear Prof. Mills,

The East Asian Studies Center and the Institute for Chinese Studies enthusiastically and wholeheartedly supports the Department of Near Eastern Languages and Culture's proposed two-year sequence of elementary and intermediate Uzbek. We have financially supported the videodelivery of Uzbek through the CIC Courseshare infrastructure and are delighted that OSU has decided to institutionalize the offering of this important language.

Uzbekistan's position in a geopolitically vital region, her vast oil and natural gas reserves, her rich culture and history have all contributed to her rapidly increasing strategic importance on the world stage. Uzbekistan's major language, Uzbek, is a key Central Asian language that is spoken by over 25 million people, both within and outside of Uzbekistan. Uzbek is also spoken by a number of ethnic nationality groups residing in China's western frontier, and is closely related to Uighur, a widely-spoken minority nationality language of China. From the perspective of the East Asian Studies Center and the Institute for Chinese Studies, the availability of Uzbek language instruction at OSU would be of tremendous usefulness to students interested in the study of China's western region and cultures.

We firmly believe that the proposed Uzbek program will provide OSU students from a very wide range of academic and research interests—international security studies, history, political science, anthropology, business, and even Chinese—a unique opportunity to study what can be viewed as one of Central Asia's major strategic languages. Offering Uzbek will also certainly strengthen OSU's position as a leader among US Department of Education Title VI-funded institutions as it prepares students for the increasingly complex and competitive global marketplace.

We again rise to strongly support this proposed Uzbek program, and look forward to its implementation.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "P. Sieber".

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April 30, 2007

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Dear Professor Mills,

We at the Middle East Studies Center (MESC) would like to write about the recent initiative for the establishment of Uzbek language courses in the Department of Near Eastern Languages and Cultures (NELC). We express our enthusiastic commitment and support for it. As an area studies center, it is part of MESC's mission to support the generation and dissemination of knowledge about the less-well-known world area of the Middle East, and related regions. Because of the need for better coverage of the Central Asian region in American institutions of higher education, and because of its connection via history and language to the Middle East, we consider the language, history and culture of Uzbekistan as high priorities, deserving of MESC support. Its relevance to the program in NELC, as one of the Turkic languages, and its ability to enhance the language program's prominence nationally, are two additional factors in our decision to support this language initiative within NELC.

Establishing a strong program in Uzbek and Central Asian studies, will be a key to recruiting the best graduate students to the Ohio State University (OSU), whether in NELC's Ph.D. program, or those in the Department of History, the Political Science Department, or in a number of other programs in the Professional Schools, the Humanities, and the Social Sciences. As you may be aware, OSU was recently made famous again through the prestigious work of our faculty; Carter Findley of the History Department recently published "The Turks in World History" (Oxford University Press, 2005) which draws heavily upon the history of Central Asia and all Turkic language-speaking peoples. We hope OSU will continue to distinguish itself by supporting and developing faculty research and initiatives, and we look forward to the future of this one.

Please feel free to get in contact with us if you have any further questions – 292-5897.

Sincerely,


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Dear Dick:

I am writing to lend my enthusiastic support to your proposal to add Uzbek as a language that would qualify for GEC status. You have made a strong case for the inclusion of Uzbek in our undergraduate curriculum and I would concur with the points that you have made about its global significance, its importance to U.S. national security and economic interests, and its rich literary and artistic past.

I am also pleased that the addition of Uzbek will enhance and enrich our already strong language offerings at OSU and give our students—both graduate and undergraduate—the opportunity to take a critical language offered at very few universities in this country.

Sincerely,

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