

**COMMITTEE FOR THE REVIEW OF UNDERGRADUATE MAJORS
STANFORD UNIVERSITY**

Date: May 12, 2009

To: Karen Cook, Chair
XLI Senate of the Academic Council

From: Ian Hodder, Chair, Committee for the Review of Undergraduate Majors

Re: Recommendation for Undergraduate Degree Program in East Asian Studies in the Department of East Asian Languages and Cultures and for Closing of the Undergraduate Program in the Center for East Asian Studies

The petition to move the BA, Minor, and Honors degree program in East Asian Studies from the Interdisciplinary Program in East Asian Studies to the Department of East Asian Languages and Cultures came to the Committee for the Review of Undergraduate Majors on May 1, 2009.

The Center for East Asian Studies is primarily a graduate division, offering the MA degree, and the undergraduate population has been very small over the years. The Director of the IDP, who is also the Chair of the Department of East Asian Languages and Cultures, felt that the undergraduates would receive better faculty advising and form part of a stronger community if they became part of the Department. Faculty in both bodies agreed with this proposal, and it is also supported by Andrew Walter, Director of International Comparative and Area Studies.

The Department of East Asian Languages and Cultures will bring in this degree program with no changes in its structure or curricular content. The name of the degree program will remain "East Asian Studies," so there will be no disruption for students. The Dean's Office of the School of Humanities and Sciences fully concurs with this change.

Concurrently with this degree program move, the Dean's Office has also decided to close the undergraduate division of the IDP in East Asian Studies, since it will no longer offer a degree program. The graduate division of East Asian Studies will remain active, supporting a Master of Arts degree program. C-RUM agrees with this decision as well.

The Committee for the Review of Undergraduate Majors therefore recommends that the Department of East Asian Languages and Cultures be granted degree-nominating authority for the Bachelor of Arts Degree, the Bachelor of Arts with Honors, the Minor, and Honors, in East Asian Studies, effective September 1, 2009, without limit of time.

The Committee for the Review of Undergraduate Majors also agrees with the decision of the School of Humanities and Sciences to close the undergraduate program in the Center for East Asian Studies, effective August 31, 2009. Notification is hereby given to the Faculty Senate for archival purposes. The graduate program of the Center for East Asian Studies, with degree-nominating authority for the MA degree, will remain unchanged.

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