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March 15, 2019

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Dear Colleagues:

The attached proposal to make the following program changes in the Franklin College of Arts and Sciences will be an agenda item for the March 22, 2019, Full University Curriculum Committee meeting:

Department Name Change

From: Comparative Literature

To: Comparative Literature and Intercultural Studies

Major Name Change

From: Comparative Literature (A.B., M.A., Ph.D.)

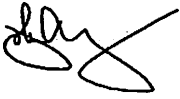
To: Comparative Literature and Intercultural Studies (A.B., M.A., Ph.D.)

Minor Name Change

From: Comparative Literature

To: Comparative Literature and Intercultural Studies

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'J. Maerz', written over a horizontal line.

John Maerz, Chair
University Curriculum Committee

cc: Interim Provost Libby V. Morris
Dr. Rahul Shrivastav

NAME CHANGE JUSTIFICATION FORM

School/College Name: Franklin College of Arts and Sciences

Department Name Changes:

Current Department Name: Comparative Literature

Proposed Department Name: Comparative Literature and Intercultural Studies

Major Name Changes:

| Current Major Names: | Degree |
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| Comparative Literature | (A.B.) |
| Comparative Literature | (M.A.) |
| Comparative Literature | (Ph.D.) |

Proposed Major Names:

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| Comparative Literature and Intercultural Studies | (A.B.) |
| Comparative Literature and Intercultural Studies | (M.A.) |
| Comparative Literature and Intercultural Studies | (Ph.D.) |

Minor Name Change:

Current Minor Name: Comparative Literature

Proposed Minor Name: Comparative Literature and Intercultural Studies

Prefix Changes:

Current Prefix and Name: CMLT, Comparative Literature

Proposed Prefix and Name: CLIS, Comparative Literature and Intercultural Studies

Justification:

At the beginning of the 2017-18 academic year, the CMLT faculty debated and decided, by a large majority vote (Yes: 10, No: 0, Abstentions: 1), to change the name of the department from the Comparative Literature Department to the Department of Comparative Literature and Intercultural Studies. This decision reflects the most recent national and international developments in our field. From its inception, Comparative Literature has been conceived by its founders as a cross-disciplinary, cross-national, and cross-cultural enterprise that brings together theoretical developments in various fields of the humanities and the social sciences to reflect on the most important intellectual and cultural trends in various parts of the world from a comparative perspective through the lens of literary studies. But, the founders of the field of Comparative Literature in the United States in the 1950s were mostly distinguished European scholars who sought a safe haven from the ravages of World War Two and its aftermath and who, understandably, focused on the Western literary, intellectual and cultural tradition, which at the time was in danger of being annihilated by the onslaught of Fascism and Communism.

During the past two decades, the Comparative Literature Department at UGA has experienced a much-needed diversification, strongly supported by its senior members who were mostly conversant in the Western literary and cultural traditions, but felt the need to expand their horizon and that of their

students to other major world traditions. Today, our Department involves the integrated, comparative study of several world literatures, languages and other cultural expressions in their interrelation, from a humanistic, interdisciplinary and global perspective. We now see our mission as helping prepare our students for the cognitive and ethical challenges of our age of globalization, so they can become not only good national, but also good global citizens. To this end, we provide them with the tools to analyze and compare several literatures of the world both in their specific cultural and linguistic contexts and in their intercultural, regional and global reference frames. We provide instruction in intercultural and interdisciplinary methodology, literary theory and criticism, translation studies, the African, Asian and Western traditions and their relevance to the contemporary American and global scene. Thereby, we develop our students' intercultural interpretive and communicative skills, their ability to feel at home in other cultures, effectively engaging in intercultural dialog and mutually beneficial cooperation, as well as their know-how, creativity, and flexibility in meeting the challenges of the new global economy and the super-diversity of our global society.

Since fall 2017, we have overhauled our graduate and undergraduate curriculum in line with the new orientation of the Department toward intercultural studies. We have redesigned a significant number of CMLT course offerings, eliminating old courses and proposing new ones. So far, CAPA has approved 7 (seven) courses that have been redesigned and renamed, and 10 (ten) entirely new courses, oriented toward intercultural studies. Therefore, we would like to have the new orientation of the department reflected in its name as well.

Approvals on File

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Prefix Change

From: CMLT, Comparative Literature

To: CLIS, Comparative Literature and Cultural Studies

College: Franklin College of Arts and Sciences

Department: Comparative Literature

Proposed Effective Term: Fall 2019

School/College:

- Department of Comparative Literature Department Head, Dr. Mihai Spariosu, 9/12/2019
- Franklin College of Arts and Sciences Associate Dean, Dr. Jean Martin-Williams, 9/18/2018

Graduate School:

- Graduate School Dean, Dr. Suzanne Barbour, 9/15/2019