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To: Kim A. Wilcox, Provost  
From: Julie Funk, Chair, University Graduate Council  
CC: Karen Klomparens, Dean of the Graduate School  
John Powell, Chair, Executive Committee for Academic Council

Date: 12/16/2010

Re: UGC comments on the Request for Merger of the Department of French,  
Classics and Italian with the Department of Spanish and Portuguese

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The University Graduate Council met on December 13, 2010 and as a component of that meeting, discussed the proposed request for merger of the Department of French, Classics and Italian with the Department of Spanish and Portuguese.

The college and departmental representatives presented the historical and procedural aspects of the proposed merger. There are no negative impacts on graduate student education or scholarly work expected as a result of the proposed merger. Graduate Council members found no major concerns regarding this request.



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