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TO: Douglas Baker,Provost and Executive Vice President
FROM: Katherine G. Aiken, Dean, College of Letters, Arts & Social Sciences
RE: Name change for two programs in CLASS

I write to request a name change for two programs in CLASS.

First I request a name change for a degree program in the Department of Modern Languages and Cultures. Since the department has changed its name from Foreign Languages in accordance with best practice on the national level, it stands to reason that the Foreign Language Business B.A. degree should be re-titled Modern Language Business B.A.

The Department of Modern Languages and Cultures has worked closely with the College of Business and Economics to create a degree program that combines language preparation in Chinese, French, German, Japanese or Spanish with business skills that will prepare students for careers in international business.

It is in keeping with our efforts to provide University of Idaho students with vibrant and engaging degree programs.

Secondly, I write to request a name change for the current minor in Women’s Studies. The coordinator of Women’s Studies, Sandra Reineke of Political Science, was on sabbatical leave during academic year 2011-2012. Upon her return, she facilitated a meeting of the Women’s Studies faculty to discuss curriculum. Given the courses included in the minor and the scholarly focus of University of Idaho Women’s Studies faculty, the faculty voted to change the name of the minor to Women’s and Gender Studies.

This change aligns with national trends and more accurately reflects both the content and the intent of the University of Idaho minor. It is a more inclusive title.

I urge you to support both these changes with the State Board of Education Office.