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To: UA Systemwide Academic Council

From: Michael Driscoll
Provost

Subject: Bachelor of Arts in International Studies

The UAA College of Arts and Sciences is proposing to offer a Bachelor of Arts in International Studies beginning in the Spring of 2007.

This program builds on the strengths of the college and the university in the areas of international history, language and culture that are so necessary in an increasingly interdependent world. It prepares students to be global citizens and contributing members of the international community by developing international and intercultural understanding and competencies that are essential in all aspects of life and work.

This degree program has been approved through the UAA governance process with strong endorsements from the College of Arts and Sciences and from a large selection of faculty who participated in the program design and review. The program is supported by student tuition and base funds from the College of Arts and Sciences that are already allocated for international studies. Its implementation will have no detrimental effect on the college budget or the departments or programs that reside there.

The proposal was approved by the Undergraduate Academic Board on April 21, 2006 and by the UAA Faculty Senate on May 5, 2006. We ask that you add your review and endorsement to this proposal and to the opportunities it will open for Alaskan students.