

**Report to the Faculty Senate Regarding the Undergraduate Dual Degree Program with Moscow State University**

**From the Academic Initiatives Committee**

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During the 2011-12 academic year the academic initiatives committee requested information and status updates regarding the dual degree program between the University and Moscow State University. We did meet on several occasions with the staff of the Office of Global and International Strategies regarding this program. The staff was helpful in assisting the committee gain a greater understanding of the program's background, structure, its finances, and enrollment status. The committee does appreciate this assistance.

The committee requested that Ms. Svetlana Filiatreau, Eurasia Programs Coordinator, prepare the attached summary report for us regarding this program. This was completed in May and the report was accepted at the committee's first meeting this fall semester.

As there were not sufficient numbers of appropriately qualified students from Moscow State University for this academic year to begin a new cohort, admission to the program has been suspended. In the future if adequate numbers of qualified students apply, then this program may be resumed. Recruiting of qualified students has been an on-going challenge for this program.

The committee supports this decision not to begin a new cohort without a sufficient number of qualified students.

Attachment: *Report on the Undergraduate Dual Degree Program between Moscow State University and George Mason University*