

## VII. STANDING COMMITTEES

## A. Academic and Student Affairs Committee

Request to Name the Herbert J. Ellison CenterRECOMMENDED ACTION:

It is the recommendation of the College of Arts & Sciences that the Russian, East European and Central Asian Studies Center be named the Herbert J. Ellison Center for Russian, East European and Central Asian Studies. This has been endorsed by David Hodge, Dean, College of Arts & Sciences; Connie Kravas, Vice President, Development and Alumni Relations; David Thorud, Acting Provost; and Mark Emmert, President.

BACKGROUND:

Several donors are highly committed to this project. The total goal is to fund a \$3 million endowment. The Ellison family and friends have committed \$1.32 million, and The Russell Family Foundation has recently pledged \$400,000. Additionally, there are proposals being considered by various foundations and organizations totaling over \$500,000.

Dr. Herbert J. Ellison is eminently deserving of this honor. A specialist on the history and politics of Russia and on international relations in East Asia, Dr. Ellison received his B.A. and M.A. degrees from the University of Washington, and his Ph.D. degree from the University of London. He also studied at Leningrad (now St. Petersburg) University. Dr. Ellison has held a variety of positions including Director of the Henry M. Jackson School of International Studies (University of Washington); Director of the Kennan Institute for Advanced Russian Studies (Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars, Washington, D.C.); and Chairman of the Board of the International Research and Exchanges Board (Washington, D.C.). He is a member of the Board of Directors and former Director of the Eurasian Studies Program of the National Bureau of Asian Research, and serves as a member of the Board of Managers of the Blakemore Foundation. Dr. Ellison has also served as a consultant to the Department of State and to the foreign affairs committees of the U.S. Congress.