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Dear Provost Lange:

I am pleased to offer this formal expression of my support for the proposal to establish the joint Carolina-Duke PhD program in German Studies.

This faculty initiative offers an unprecedented opportunity for a public-private partnership that will not only create one of the strongest German graduate programs in North America but also formalize a collegial, cooperative effort between our two neighboring institutions that has been building over the past decade.

There are many advantages to the proposed joint program, for both universities, and very few potential risks. I and my colleagues at Carolina are eager to embark on this exciting new venture.

Sincerely,

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LETTER OF SUPPORT, CAROLINA-DUKE GRADUATE PROGRAM IN GERMAN STUDIES

October 10, 2007

Dear Provost Lange:

The Department of Germanic Languages and Literature at Duke University strongly supports the proposed Carolina-Duke Graduate Program in German Studies and is eager to move forward with this initiative.

In a unanimous vote on April 28, 2006, the regular rank faculty of Duke University's Department of Germanic Languages and Literature endorsed the academic plan for a fully merged joint graduate program. On June 26, 2006, the regular rank faculty of Duke's Department of Germanic Languages and Literature met in plenary session with the faculty of the Department of Germanic Languages and Literatures of the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. A vote at that meeting endorsed the Carolina-Duke Graduate Program in German Studies. This support was again affirmed by a plenary meeting of the combined faculties on September 10, 2007.

The reasons for this strong support are summarized as follows in the academic plan. The Carolina-Duke Graduate Program in German Studies:

- *capitalizes on the assets*, intellectual and institutional, of Carolina and Duke;
- *builds on strengths* of existing resources;
- *multiplies opportunities* for using available resources more effectively;
- *re-conceptualizes the program* of graduate study in light of national trends for the study of German language, literature, and culture;
- *adds innovation* to consolidation;
- *cultivates distinction* by working together.

Sincerely



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