REEES Undergraduate Major Learning Outcome Assessment Plan

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REEES proposes to assess the following learning outcome this year:

1. Proficiency in reading, writing, and speaking Russian consistent with completion of at least a third-year level.

REEES plans to administer the Oral Proficiency Interview by Computer to third-year language students in the spring:
http://www.languagetesting.com/oral-proficiency-interview-by-computer-opic

This test has been recommended by experts in the field in accordance with research undertaken by Prof. Anna Mikhaylova, an expert in second-language acquisition. Although it tests primarily oral proficiency, it is widely regarded as being of high quality. Most departments have their own proprietary third-year tests, so that in order to test reading and writing separately we would need greater lead time.

The cost of the test is $60 per person, which we would request be allocated to us in order to carry it out. Currently the total cost would be $360, although depending on returnees from abroad, that number could be higher as we approach spring quarter.

After the results of the test have become available, we would hold a faculty meeting to discuss what was learned and what changes might be helpful to implement in the future.

Please note that we have also revised our major learning outcomes in accordance with our recently revised major; I have attached the revised learning outcomes as well.