

Approval of minutes of December 17th meeting

New Business

1. **Question:** Do we recommend to raise the stipend for all graduate students to \$31,000 per academic year, a 3.2% raise, starting 2022-23, using KPPE funds? This is in light of inflation and the lack of a raise since 2019.

Stipend as of 2018: \$29K (beginning of KPPE funding)

Stipend as of 2019 to present: \$30K

Summer stipends are generally \$6K.

This would cost about an extra \$50K a year all told.

2. **Question:** Do we recommend to add a relocation grant of \$2,000 for first-years, using KPPE funds? We voted in November to frontload \$2K of their stipend so that it arrives early enough to be useful for moving expenses. This proposal would make that \$2K not eat into their stipend.

This would cost an average of an extra \$14K a year.

Both proposals would help with grad recruitment this season. KPPE Board is meeting soon to discuss next year's budget. → ***It would be good to decide these questions now.***

3. Results of vote on Voting Methods. Do we wish to discuss further procedures to put in place in case of stalemates, empty orderings, and other problematic outcomes?

4. Discussion of longlist candidates. ***Prepare to talk about any candidates that you have proposed for the longlist.***

Announcements

1. We are still to be working on three "initiatives of change" for the department, that the dean has requested, to put in the division's Strategic Plan. (Email and documents attached.) These would preferably have measurable outcomes. Please let me know of any you come up with, and ***write me a paragraph describing each.***

Example ideas: **Outreach:** Critical Thinking Partnership; **Research:** History of Philosophy in the Americas; **EDI:** Reporting System; **Undergraduate program:** “Being in the World” zoom series with alumni, expanding social tools of philosophy majors, 100W philosophy writing course; ...

(Being on this list does not mean it will be forwarded as a department project. These are just examples, though real ones, to give you an idea what sort of thing might be suitable.)