

**Approval of minutes of November 19th meeting** (as converted from “Report” of “Discussion”)

Note that with this approval, the recommendations voted on become motions passed. We thought we didn't have a quorum, but we did, so the discussion that day was a meeting after all.

**Old Business**

Do we approve of the new bylaws for faculty search procedures, as formulated in the proposal circulated by Sherri for November 19<sup>th</sup>? (We need to submit something to CR&J about our search procedure that includes permission for steps that we can only take if we have them in our bylaws, if we are to remain in good standing with EDI. Note that our shortlist requires EDI approval.)

**New Business**

1. Proposal to revise the logic requirement (see [document from Sam](#))
2. Incoming grad relocation expenses – proposal to re-distribute the top-up payments in the first year so that some arrive before classes start.
3. MAs: Two related but distinct issues: a) Should we make the MA a requirement of the Ph.D. so that those coming in with an MA can get another one? b) What should the requirements for the potentially required MA be? (Some people don't pass the MAC exam.)
4. Repercussions of students going beyond our stated normative time to degree for the Ph.D. and options of what to do about this. Current normative time to degree is 6 years. Average time to degree 2010-2018 was 7.8. Average time to degree for 2018-2021 was 7.1. These are rough, and 2018-21 is a fairly small sample, but it also includes Covid time, so KPPE-funded fellowship time might be positively affecting time to degree.
5. Restoring 7-year cap compliance post-Covid – strategies?
6. Project: try to articulate learning objectives of First-Year Seminar. Discuss student workload.
7. Idea: Make it possible to fulfill history distribution requirements by TAing 100 A, B, or C.