

## 1. New Business

A. Faculty search for 2021-22. (A line has been approved for us by the university.) Questions:

i. Will we conduct a faculty search?

If so,

ii. Will we search open rank, OR only senior, OR senior and advanced junior?

iii. Do we wish to add anything to the list of teaching needs from last year?

“Metaphysics, Epistemology; Philosophy of Science (including Philosophy of Biology); Logic, History of Philosophy”

*Suggestion:* Change “(including Philosophy of Biology)” to “(including philosophy of special sciences)”

iv. Do we approve the wordings and modifications introduced into our plan by the Division of Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion?

You can read about the history of this in Calvin’s account of last year’s unapproved search (attached), and see the product in the draft search plan (attached). Key features are:

a. “The department has a strong interest in philosophers working on questions of gender and of race” replaces “The department has a special interest in philosophers working on questions of gender and of race.” Also language is added saying that every candidate will be evaluated for their ability to contribute to diversity, equity, and inclusion.

b. There would be an external member of the committee (Anthony Appiah).

*Note:* By APO/EDI standards, the search committee is not a formality as was traditional practice in this department. The members of the committee are the only people authorized to see the candidate files, and the search committee alone decides on a short list of candidates. However, any search committee member is authorized to ask any colleague in the department to read and assess any writing sample, in a blinded form, thus maintaining the ability of the decisionmakers to draw on our collective expertise.

v. Do we approve the draft Search Plan, as amended by our answers to the previous three questions?

B. Discussion and eventual vote: second KPPE grant for Calvin’s Critical Reasoning outreach project. (Account and proposal will be sent.)

C. Yost Prize: This is an award given to one or more graduate students in years 2 through 4 for exemplary teaching as a TA. (Data will be sent.)

## 2. Announcements

A. As per UCLA's parliamentary framework, non-binding votes in meetings (AKA straw votes) are never permitted.

B. New KPPE Board members: John Carriero, Mark Greenberg,\* Barbara Herman, Pamela Hieronymi,\* David Kaplan. (\* = new)

C. Some KPPE funds are available for activities – make proposals, including for 2022-23. Try to do so before December 1<sup>st</sup> if it involves more than \$10,000.

D. In 2021-22 we will do a department self-study as part of the 8<sup>th</sup> year review, and in preparation for the visiting committee visit next year. The study will be led by John Carriero and the Chair. If there is an issue you think should be investigated, or a constituency consulted, let one or both of them know (or ask David Blank to let them know).

E. Update on Paul Taylor as target of opportunity