Approval of minutes of March 4ᵗʰ meeting

New Business

1. **Discussion** (and **vote**) on proposal (attached file) that the MA be made a requirement for the Ph.D.

Background: Grad Council recently made a rule change that makes it possible for a department to give MA's to people who already have MA's in that field (duplicate MAs). (University rules made it impossible until now). But it's possible only if we make the MA -- and so, in our case, passing the MAC -- a requirement for the Ph.D.

Consequences compared:

Status quo:
-- Passing the MAC exam is not required for the Ph.D.
-- Students who come in to the Ph.D. program with a Philosophy MA from elsewhere can't get an MA in Philosophy from UCLA.

Proposal:
-- Passing the MAC exam is required for the Ph.D.
-- Students who come in to the Ph.D. program with a Philosophy MA from elsewhere can get an MA in Philosophy from UCLA.

Please read the proposal to see the relevant parts of the requirements themselves, and multiple options for how to change them.

2. **Discussion** of proposal to have a Prize Committee for deciding all student prizes that are usually determined in a faculty meeting (e.g., Kalish Prize, Rock Prize, Carnap Prize, Logic and Language Essay Prize, Distinguished Teaching Award nominee, Departmental Teaching Award, etc.). Anyone would be welcome to be on the committee, so this wouldn't take away anyone's contribution to choosing winners, but no one would be obligated, except two people who agree to do the job in case no one else participates, and to organize the job if others do participate.

Announcements

1. Outcome of vote on voting method for choosing ten names for external reviewers for 8ᵗʰ-year review: Motion 1 (Condorcet etc.): 8-2-1-1, Motion 2 (Fallback from 2/3 to 1/2): 9-0-1-2.

2. We will have an electronic vote next week for the names to be submitted as external reviewers for our 8ᵗʰ-year review. Please consult the google spreadsheet that Isamara made and that colleagues have written a lot on. It may help you rank the candidates.

To find this spreadsheet, search in your email for a message titled 'Spreadsheet shared with you: "8 Year Review"' and from "Department Manager" or from "uclaphilosophymanager@gmail.com"

3. Carlotta Pavese (Cornell) will be a Visiting Professor all of next academic year, and will teach 3 courses.

4. I've invited Monique Wonderly (UCSD) to be a Visiting Professor for some or all of next year. Have not yet heard back.

5. The department still needs (now) two faculty to serve for assessing the current lecturers, and drawing up a form for 3 levels of assessment for three stages of employment that have been imposed (along with a lot of other things) by the new contract with Unit 18 lecturers. Whatever they come up with as levels of assessment, we can discuss as a faculty before implementing.

6. Renovation: The university has given initiative to the department to come up with a design. A designer, Amita Makdani, has been working up some possible ways to re-configure some spaces in the department, and we'll have a faculty meeting with her in late April to discuss them and walk through some of the spaces, and a meeting with grads in May to talk about some proposals for giving them spaces. In the current designs she's sketched she will be able to create three new faculty offices.