

Approval of minutes of April 22nd meeting

New Business

1. Janelle DeWitt – Janelle’s appraisal was favorable and we approved her merit increase (The results of these votes were reported to you in an email from the Chair April 27th, titled “Janelle DeWitt Fourth-Year Review”).

We will vote on the question whether to re-appoint her in 2022-23, starting 5pm Friday, May 20th, ending 5pm Tuesday, May 24th. The appendix below contains some points relevant to this question. Watch for the email for the ballot that has this and the Step vote for Khalifa, which you will receive right after this meeting. (See below in Announcements.)

2. KPPE 2022-23 –

- a. What field(s) are doing the research cycle?
- b. What projects are we interested in funding?
 1. Khalifa workshop proposals? (document to follow)
 2. Yao ethics workshop every other year?
 3. Philosophy of Language journal? (document to follow)
- c. Do we support a further \$1,000 increase in graduate stipends?

3. Next year’s searches – we need to choose fields and rank before the end of this term so that we can get the searches approved over the summer and avoid waiting until October to advertise. Assuming the Dean gives us two lines to search, the Chair suggests for both that we search Open specialization, Open competence, tenurable rank. Any suggestion of our having particular needs will discourage applicants and shrink our pool.

4. 0% Appointment – Calvin has proposed that we offer Eleanor Kaufman, Professor of Comparative Literature, English, and French and Francophone Studies at UCLA a 0% appointment in Philosophy. You received an email from Calvin on May 16th with materials for considering this possibility.

5. Kalish Prize – We will consider the undergraduates who have been nominated. We can also award the Book Prize. By next week we will have the nominations for the Gloria Rock Prize.

Announcements

1. Two offers – The university has approved our request to extend tenured job offers to Kareem Khalifa and Vida Yao. The votes that we made preceding our request for two lines were official and binding, but we have to do the vote again because we didn’t vote on step. Accordingly, you will receive another ballot for Khalifa on appointment at Professor Step III, and a ballot for Yao

on appointment at Associate Professor Step I. (The Yao vote will occur later, after we've gathered the rest of the tenure dossier materials.)

Since our previous votes were official and binding, if either of the new votes results in a majority "No," that can only be interpreted as a disapproval of the proposed step. Thus, if you disapprove of either of these step proposals, please let the Chair know before the vote so that we don't have to repeat votes.

2. Kareem Khalifa is close to accepting our job offer. As a good faith sign of commitment, since he will be spending next year not with us but at the Humanities Institute at the University of Connecticut, he proposes to organize and run a workshop/conference here next year. He has several ideas about what it could be on. See above.

3. Paul Taylor and Family are visiting May 30th – June 3rd, inclusive. Please let the Chair know if you would like to have a meeting with him, or if you would be willing to come along or lead or plan an outing or other activity for the family. Suggestions for activities are also welcome. (Paul and Wilna have two children, Julia (13/14) and John (19/20).)

4. Paul C. Taylor Reading Group: *Race: A Philosophical Introduction*, third edition, hard copy available in the department office (whether you wish to join the reading group or not). I also send pdfs with all the email announcements. We have one more meeting:

Tuesday, May 24th, 2-3 in the seminar room and on zoom:

<https://ucla.zoom.us/j/99147205592>

5. End-of-year party: The tradition is back! David Kaplan will host our party, June 5th. Watch email for details. Anticipated faculty attendance is a crucial motivator for grad students to come out too. Please let the Chair know if you are coming so we can plan motivating emails.

6. Philosophy Department Commencement is Saturday, June 11th, on Coral Walk, reception starting 12:30, ceremony starting at 1. Please try to come if you can. Students and their parents appreciate it.

7. Grad Issues that need to be decided in the medium term: 1) Make GRE optional for grad admission permanently? 2) Change normative time to degree? 3) Raise stipend by 1K? 4) Make MA required for PhD?

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Appendix

In regard to re-appointing Janelle DeWitt for next year:

- 1) The teaching schedule needs her because she can do both ethics and history. For example, we don't have anyone else to do 100C, and we need a 119 in the Fall.
- 2) Re-appointing her does not imply commitment to future employment.
- 3) A question was raised about the policy of APM – 280 that adjunct professors not be paid out of state funds. We can change the funding stream that covers her salary, but a concern was raised that that would cut into resources that we might want to use in a different way.

On investigation the Chair was told by the Dean's office that paying Janelle out of the teaching budget, as we have been doing so far, is not problematic. This particular restriction in APM – 280 is now ignored because the teaching budget is a mixture of State funds and tuition, with tuition about 60% of the funds.