

Faculty in attendance: Barbara Herman, Calvin Normore, David Kaplan, AJ Julius, Josh Armstrong, Katie Elliott, Pam Hieronymi, Sherri Roush, John Carriero, Sam Cumming

The minutes of the 11/19/21 meeting were approved.

The old business of approving the new bylaws about faculty searches was postponed to Dec. 10<sup>th</sup>, when we will also choose voting methods for the stages of this year's search.

**1. Motion** passed unanimously: To frontload \$2,000 of incoming grad students' pay for the Fall term, so that they receive it in time to cover relocation expenses.

The question whether to make a \$2,000 addition to their stipend rather than only frontloading what is already in their stipend was postponed until we have more time for discussion.

**2. Motion seconded:** to change the logic course requirement to allow a wider set of logic courses to count, not just 135.

This will involve two votes, one for revision of the Graduate Handbook and the other for revision of the Program Requirements. The portion in yellow has been questioned as not what we said in the meeting about the rationale for not counting a course for this that should rather be under tools. Since the meeting the inclusion of game theory (in green) has been questioned. We need to settle these before the vote (which will occur online).

### **Question 1.**

Proposed change to the **Graduate Student Handbook**.

Current wording:

#### **The Logic Course Requirement**

In addition to satisfying the Logic Fluency Requirement (see above), students must also complete one upper-division (or higher) course in logic. This is normally to be done during the first year. The course is to be Philosophy 135 unless the student has already completed a course in the metalogic of first-order logic, in which case the student may petition the Graduate Advisor(s) to substitute another logic course for 135.

New wording (proposed):

#### **The Logic Course Requirement**

In addition to satisfying the Logic Fluency Requirement (see above), students must also complete one upper-division or higher course in advanced logic (e.g., PHILOS 135, 136), or similar technical subject, including probability and inductive logic (e.g., PHILOS 133B). This course will normally be taken in the philosophy department, but may be taken elsewhere at the discretion of the Graduate Advisor(s).

**Question 2.**

Proposed change to the Program Requirements for the Masters degree.

Current wording:

...For the M.A. degree, students must complete, with grades of B or better, at least nine upper division or graduate courses (36 units), excluding Philosophy 199, of which five courses (20 units) must be in the Philosophy 200 series, numbered between 200A and 290. The total course requirement must include Philosophy 200A-200B-200C and one designated course in logic.

New wording (proposed):

...For the M.A. degree, students must complete, with grades of B or better, at least nine upper division or graduate courses (36 units), excluding Philosophy 199, of which five courses (20 units) must be in the Philosophy 200 series, numbered between 200A and 290. The total course requirement must include Philosophy 200A-200B-200C and one designated course in logic or similar technical subject.

**3. Proposed change to the Program Requirements for the Doctoral degree**

Current wording:

...*Logic*. Students must pass a departmental examination in logic, at the level of Philosophy 31 and 132. They must also take one upper division or graduate course in logic by the end of the first year, unless preparatory work for the departmental examination is necessary: either Philosophy 135 or one other designated course in either the Philosophy or Mathematics Department.

New wording (proposed):

...*Logic*. Students must pass a departmental examination in logic, at the level of Philosophy 31 and 132. They must also take one upper division or graduate course in logic or similar technical subject: either Philosophy 135 or other designated course in the philosophy department.

**3. Discussion of questions about MA:**

a) Should we make our MA a requirement for our Ph.D., thereby allowing those who come in with an MA in Philosophy to get another one from here (as per new policy)?

b) Should we make passing the MAC exam a requirement of the Ph.D.? In the current setup this would seem to be required in order to answer Yes to a).

There was opposition to making passing the MAC exam a requirement for the Ph.D. since it regularly happens that some students don't pass it.

It was said that we surely need to make passing the MAC a requirement *anyway*, because it is the written part of our qualifying exam for the Ph.D.

The issues were not resolved. Discussion of the MA issue is postponed until the schedule is clear of other business that is more urgent.

We did not get to the other discussion items on the agenda for 12/3.